

Deaconess House.

11th February, 1972.

The Secretary,
Division of Studies and Communication,
Australian Council of Churches,
SYDNEY.

Dear Dr. Wood,

Following your request at the Wednesday evening Session of the National Committee of Australian Church Women, a representative from A.C.W. was appointed to the Australian Council of Churches Division of Studies and Communication.

Mrs Margaret Ralph has agreed to act in this capacity.

Best wishes for the Australian Council of Churches Meetings next week.

Sincerely,

SECRETARY
Australian Church Women.

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Bns., Q. 4069.

22nd February, 1972.

Rev. F. Engel,
GENERAL SECRETARY,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES.

Dear Mr. Engel,

At the 1971 National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women, it was agreed that ASIAN CHRISTIAN SERVICE be the project to receive the 1971 WORLD COMMUNITY DAY OFFERINGS of A.C.W.

Herewith is a cheque for \$700.00 which covers the contributions received which A.C.W. would like to remit through the Australian Council of Churches to Asian Christian Service.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Bno. Q. 4009.

29th February, 1972.

The General Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Engel,

At the meeting of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women, held on 28th February, I was directed to write to you on the following matters -

1. Amendment of Constitution of Australian Church Women

At the recently held National Committee Meeting, the Constitution was amended and now stands as set out in the enclosed copy which is forwarded to you for official ratification by the Australian Council of Churches.

2. Visit to Australia by Mrs. Shanti Solomon

Word has been received from Mrs. S. Solomon (Exec. Secretary, F.L.C. International) that the Working Committee of Asian Church Women's Conference, at its January meeting in Hong Kong, agreed that she make a visit to Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, Singapore and Malaysia in the later part of 1972.

At Mrs. Solomon's request a suggested itinerary is being prepared (in collaboration with QANTAS) for her consideration and subsequent submission to A.C.C.

As soon as definite dates can be known, it is planned to inform State Units of A.C.W. seeking their co-operation to ensure that Mrs. Solomon's visit will be most successful and of mutual benefit and pleasure.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. G. Connell, Secretary)



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9th March, 1972.

Mrs. C. Connell,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL.
Q. 4069.

Dear Mrs. Connell,

Mr. Engel has passed on to me your cheque for \$700 being an offering from the World Community Day service in 1971 for Asian Christian Service.

I enclose our receipt. We are most grateful for your help in this way. As you will know, Mrs. Joan Davies is still continuing nursing tribal people in the mountains of South Vietnam though she plans to return home for Deaconess training later on this year.

Miss de la Perelle is training nurses in Laos. Both she and Joan have done a magnificent job for several years past and of course they have had the support of other Australian colleagues as well as folk from other countries and parts of the Asian Christian Service fellowship.

Thank you again for your help.

With every good wish.

Yours very sincerely,

(The Rev.) E.H. Arblaster,
Secretary - Director

EHA/NA



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20th March, 1972.

Mrs. C. Connell,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL. Bne. Q. 4069

Dear Mrs. Connell,

Thank you for your letter of 29th February, to Mr. Engel our General Secretary.

The last Executive Meeting of the Council, concerned your revised constitution, however we do not appear to have a copy of your present constitution, and wondered if you could forward the said constitution drawing our attention to the changes that have been made to this constitution, we will then be in a position to ratify it for you.

The Executive Council was very pleased to be advised of the visit of Mrs. S. Solomon, and expressed the hope that you would keep us in touch regarding the visit of Mrs. Solomon, and also we would ask that you advise our state office of Mrs. Solomon's itinerary once it is detailed.

With every best wish for the coming year.

Yours sincerely,

D. C. Parker
Administrative Secretary.

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Bne. Q. 4069.

24th March, 1972.

The Administrative Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Parker,

Thank you for the good wishes contained in your letter of the 20th.

Re A.C.W. Constitution -

Enclosed are copies of the 'Constitution of Australian Church Women' - prior to and after amendment - together with copies of the Notices of Motion brought to the National Committee Meeting (February, 1972), setting out particular amendments which were subsequently approved.

Although it became necessary to re-state several clauses to adjust clause numbers to matters contained therein, actually only two new provisions were introduced. -

1. (Clause 4:(b)) The most important amendment makes provision for inclusion in the National Committee of all members of the Working Committee. The original Constitution (Clause 4:(vi)) provided that office bearers only be members of the National Committee - a somewhat anomalous situation in view of the responsibility undertaken by all Working Committee members.
2. (Clause 7) - It was felt also that there was need for clear definition in regard to observers (numbers, rights and privileges). Movement of the location of the Working Committee from State to State requires that there be set down in the Constitution a guiding principle in regard to observers.

It is hoped that this explanation will facilitate matters in regard to ratification of the amendment of the A.C.W. Constitution.

QANTAS is at present mapping out an itinerary for submission to Mrs. Solomon. If this proves acceptable to her, I shall forward a copy directly to you. I shall be happy also to forward copies to the various State Offices of A.C.C., if you would be kind enough to supply me with addresses of these.

Greetings and Good Wishes from the Working Committee of A.C.W. in Qld.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)



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23rd May, 1972

Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary
Australian Church Women
15 Burns Parade
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane
Qld. 4069

Dear Mrs. Connell,

I am writing to let you know that the A.C.C. Executive Committee has ratified the changes to the constitution of Australian Church Women, which were made at your February National Committee Meeting.

We are glad to know that the representatives of the A.C.C. that spoke at your Committee Meeting contributed well at the success of the meeting, and that Mrs. Thiering's bible studies were so helpful.

In your letter of the 25th April, you raise the question of the venue of the 1972 meeting. The A.C.C. General Council Meeting will not be held until August 1973, when it will be in Melbourne. So that the two meetings will not be in relationship to each other. However, we should be able to provide you with some leadership if your meeting is held in Sydney in February.

With all good wishes.

Yours sincerely,


Rev. F.G. Engel
General Secretary

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane, Q. 4000.

Dear Mrs. Coates,

The National Committee of Australian Church Women was informed at its recent meeting in Sydney, that you had found it necessary to discontinue active work on the Committee of Co-operation as its convener. The National Committee specially requested that its expression of sincere regret be conveyed to you and also its hope that the retirement from active participation will be a temporary one.

Deeply sensitive of the fine contribution which you have been making continuously to the development of A.C.W., the National Committee recorded its sincere appreciation of all that you have done in this particular area of Christian service.

No doubt, in due course, I will receive notification of the name and address of the incoming convener who should receive A.C.W. correspondence.

At the National Meeting, two representatives from A.C.W. to the Committee on Co-operation were appointed as follows -

MRS. A. W. PEDERICK - 30 Kilby Rd., EAST KEN, VICTORIA. 3102.

MRS. H. MACNEIL - 3/13 Peverill St., BALWYN, VICTORIA. 3103.

Our warmest greetings and best wishes for your every undertaking.

In Christian Love,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

COMMITTEE ON CO-OPERATION OF MEN AND WOMEN IN CHURCH, FAMILY AND SOCIETY

Minutes of meeting held Thursday, 2nd March, 1972 at 11.45a.m. at
100 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

PRESENT: Rev. B.Reddrop (in the chair), Mrs Col.H.W.Saunders, Mrs H.E. Stephens, Mrs A.W.Pederick, Miss E. Ozanne, Dr C.J.Wright, Rev. D.Dargaville, Major G.Matters, Mrs H.T.Rogers, Rev.L.Phillips

WELCOME: The Chairman welcomed Mrs Pederick as the new representative from Australian Church Women; also Miss Ozanne and Major Matters, both social workers, who had been invited to join the committee in planning future activities.

MINUTES: Confirmed

CORRESPONDENCE:

From 1) Marriage Guidance Council of Fiji to Mr Reddrop, inviting him and Mrs Reddrop to be consultants to the Council in August next. It was moved by Dr Wright, seconded Mrs Saunders, and agreed, that the committee express its pleasure that this invitation had been received and meet the cost of both fares to Suva from the Fellowship of the Least Coin grant, with an additional \$25 for out of pocket expenses.

2) Mrs R.Elizezer to Mrs Stephens, asking that Reverend Selveratnum be asked to come to Australia for a few years. The Chairman reported that he had already spoken to Bishop Dann about the possibility of placing Mr Selveratnum. He agreed to write to Mrs Elizezer welcoming these plans and saying that the church would like to include him in any work in which he might be interested.

FINANCE: The Treasurer reported a credit balance of \$1088.46 (\$897.28 of this being F.L.C. scholarship money, and \$191.18 General Fund).

REPORTS:

1. A.C.W. Conference. Mrs Saunders and Mrs Stephens had represented the Committee, with Rev. Gordon Beatty presenting a very good paper on "Conflict" at our session, which was, however, read to the meeting and received with reservations. There was feeling expressed by some Australian Church Women that the Committee on Co-operation was following too academic a programme, of less practical use to church women than some people would have hoped. It was agreed that we should note this criticism, but the committee felt that through the study leaflets, for example, we had been at pains to make sure we were operating at the local level. Mrs Barbara Thiering, lecturer in Hebrew and Biblical Studies in the Sydney University, had led the Bible study. Mrs Saunders had presented the report of our Committee under some difficulties, and suggested that in future the ACW would be notified directly of our intentions when we have planned our session.

2. A.C.C. Annual Meeting. The Chairman reported that this meeting had had far too much business for the time available. Our report had, for instance, been discussed only in the Policy Committee. Dr D'Arcy Wood's study had been discussed, and this Committee was asked to look at any area of men/women relationships which appeared to have been overlooked earlier, namely sexuality.

FUTURE FUNCTIONING OF THE COMMITTEE: The Chairman had met with a group of professional people working in the family field and they now suggested the following method of working:

1. There should be a meeting, say, once or twice a year of a fairly large group of professional people and others experienced in men/women relationships to consider the most pressing issues facing this Committee. Up till now we have hit on topics more or less by chance.
2. This group might select some persons who are concerned vitally with such issues and who would prepare and run a seminar and hopefully publish a report. Such a publication could form the core of our relationship to A.C.W.
3. We would also need some sort of executive committee to carry out the continuing work and perhaps take part in small working groups

Rev. L. Phillips moved that this method of working be adopted. This was seconded by Mrs Stephens and carried.

THIS YEAR'S SYMPOSIUM: The Chairman announced that, after meeting with some of the people involved, it was now intended to hold the seminar at Monash University, probably at the end of first term or the beginning of second term. Both medical and theological students had responded very well to the suggestion. The subject would be in the area of the application of genetics, and would probably occupy one afternoon only. Dr Henry Berger would now be invited to present a paper in place of Dr David Danks as originally planned. The material gathered from this seminar would form part of the ACC study on the Future of Man, and it might be possible for this Committee to write a study leaflet suitable for the local situation.

NEXT MEETING: Thursday May 4th, 11.45a.m. at 100 Flinders Street.

Subsequent regular meetings were planned for July 6th
September 7th
and November 2nd

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Que. 4009.
24th July, 1972.

The Chairman,
Committee on Co-operation of
Men & Women in Church, Family and
Society,
MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Raddrop,

In compliance with A.C.W. Constitution requirements, I wish, on behalf of the Working Committee, to advise that a decision has been reached to hold the 1973 National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women at Deaconess House, Sydney, in February next.

Factors which influenced this decision were as follows -

It was first ascertained from the General Secretary, A.C.C., that the next A.C.C. General Meeting would not be held until August, 1973, in Melbourne. This meant that the A.C.C. General Meeting venue would have no direct relationship to the A.C.W. Meeting to be held in February. The General Secretary also indicated that a contribution by A.C.C. could be made to the A.C.W. Meeting if it were held in Sydney in February.

The Working Committee had been requested by the 1972 National Committee to investigate the possibility of holding the next meeting in either Melbourne or Canberra. Accordingly, State Units there were asked to make enquiries and supply details of available accommodation for the period 6th - 9th February, 1973, its suitability and cost, and also the availability of facilities required for the successful conduct of the National Committee Meeting. According to information subsequently supplied the least expensive accommodation could be supplied at a Canberra College (\$8.00 per day), but the use of some facilities would attract an extra charge. It was realized also that fares must be taken into consideration as A.C.W. accepts responsibility for the payment of some full fares and some part fares of committee members, in addition to the payment of accommodation costs of some office bearers.

It was therefore considered advisable to make immediate enquiry from Deaconess House, Sydney, concerning the availability of accommodation there. The charge for full residence proved to be \$8.50 per day, with the free use of all facilities. As accommodation was still available at the time required, it was decided to make a firm booking, it being the conviction of Working Committee members that advantage should be taken of that accommodation which would involve A.C.W. in the least total expense. The 1973 National Committee Meeting will, therefore, be held at Deaconess House, Sydney, 6th - 9th February.

It is our hope that the Committee on Co-operation will consider this to be an acceptable and favourable decision.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Cornell, Secretary)



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Committee on Cooperation,
c/o Church of England Marriage
Council,
37 Swanston Street,
Melbourne 3000

28th July 1972

Mrs C. Connell,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
15 Burns Parade,
Chapel Hill
Brisbane 4069

Dear Mrs Connell,

Thank you for your letter (24th July) setting out the decision of the ACW Working Committee to hold the next National Committee Meeting in Sydney in February 1973. The Committee on Cooperation was aware of the constitutional requirement for ACW to consult with it concerning venue for the National Committee.

The Committee has already informally decided that this provision is out of date (since ACW cannot in any realistic sense be seen as a subsidiary of the Committee on Cooperation), and the Committee had informally decided to ratify any decision your working committee should make.

I am sure that such ratification will be made at its next meeting in September.

With best wishes for a successful meeting,

Yours sincerely,

The Reverend B.H. Reddrop
Chairman.

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Que., 4089.

25th September, 1972.

The Rev. Bruce Reddrop,
CHAIRMAN,
Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women
in Church, Family and Society,
VICTORIA.

Dear Mr. Reddrop,

Enclosed are two registration forms for the National Committee of Australian Church Women which will be held at Deane House, Sydney, 6th - 9th February, 1973. The Constitution of A.C.W. provides for the representation on the National Committee of two women appointed by the Committee of Co-operation. Will you be kind enough to request your Committee's appointees to complete the forms and return them to me by the 30th November.

The National Committee of A.C.W. has been indebted in past years to the Committee on Co-operation for providing a most interesting and stimulating session at the National Meeting, and we hope that it will be possible for your committee to contribute again in this way. We read with particular interest of the symposium and planned preparation of a leaflet on the topic, "The Moral Issues of Man's Genetic Future". As this topic is of so great interest to church women, would it be possible for the committee's session to be planned around this same topic?

A copy of the draft agenda which is subject to alteration, has been enclosed: the location which it is desired should be conducted by the Committee on Co-operation, is set down for the evening of Wednesday, 7th February, at 7.30 p.m. We trust that this time will prove to be suitable, but will be happy to make alteration to a more convenient time, should this be desired.

With every good wish -

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

Committee of Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family
and Society

Minutes of meeting held on Thursday, 2nd November, 1972 at
11.45 a.m. at 100 Flinders Street, Melbourne.

PRESENT

The Reverend B.H. Reddrop (in the chair), Mrs. A. Federick,
Mrs. A.R. Macneil, Mrs. H.E. Stephens, Dr. C.J. Wright,
Miss E. Ozanne, The Rev. D. Dargaville, and Mrs. H.T. Rogers.

APOLOGIES

Mrs. Col. H.W. Saunders, Dr. Isla Stamp.

MINUTES

of the previous meeting were confirmed.

CORRESPONDENCE was received from:-

1. Mr. Clive Amputch, Marriage Guidance Council of Fiji,
expressing thanks to the A.C.C. for enabling Rev. Bruce
and Mrs. Mary Reddrop to make such a valuable contribution
to their work in August.
2. Australian Church Women, asking for two members of the
Committee to attend their meeting in Sydney, Feb 6th - 9th
1973, and especially for a session from this Committee on
Wednesday, Feb 7th at 7.30 p.m. The Chairman undertook to
run this session, using material (which Mrs. Macneil and
Mrs. Rogers had selected from the Symposium on "Moral
Issues in Human Reproduction" and other sources), which would
hopefully, prove useful in the preparation of study
material for discussion, if A.C.W. decided that there would
be a use for such a study. Members of the Committee were
inclined to doubt the extent to which such a study would
be used, in view of the extremely slow sale of the second
pamphlet "Children are People", and the volume of study
material available through other sources, much of which is
little used.

It was hoped that Mrs. Macneil might find it possible to
attend the A.C.W. meeting, especially as no other members
were available.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

The Treasurer presented figures for the period July 6th -
Nov. 2nd 1972 as follows:-

Bank balance July 5th 1972	1077. 30
Plus sales of Children are People	1. 50
	<u>1078. 80</u>

Payments of Fiji fares \$ 712. 60

leaves \$184. 68 in the F.L.C. grant, which added to
181. 52 in the General Fund leaves

Bank Balance November 2nd, 1972 \$ 366. 20

STUDY
MATERIAL

"Children are People" had cost \$200 to print and there had been
virtually no sales. The question of promotion was raised,
the possible sending out of an order form/advertisement
suggested by Dr. Wright. Church women's departments might be
able to include such in their postings, and child welfare
departments of the churches should also be notified that this
material was available.

It was also suggested that A.C.W. might consider printing such
study material if it was considered desirable or necessary, and
that they might also make enquiries as to how much study is done

in women's groups. It was agreed that nothing is ready at the moment on this general theme, which had been the main study of the Committee this year.

SEXUALITY
STUDY

The Chairman reported that the Working Group on the Nature of Changing Marital Roles with emphasis on male/female sexuality (composed of himself, Miss Elizabeth Ozanne and Rev. John Doenau S.J.) had met several times and was hoping soon to make a selection which would form a useful focus for study in a limited area of the vast field which the topic constituted.

COMMUNITY
PLANNING

The second working group which planned to make a study of institutionalization versus individuation in society had met twice but no report was to hand.

REPORT TO
A.C.W.

The Chairman agreed to compose a report for Australian Church Women from material in the minutes of the meetings of the Committee during 1972.

MEN AND WOMEN
in the CHURCH

Reverend Douglas Dargaville asked that the committee give some time to the consideration of the relation of men and women in the Church. Mrs. Macneil and Mrs. Federick felt that they had been appointed to the committee by A.C.W. for the specific purpose of investigating this aspect of Co-operation. There was some discussion of the problems faced in local situations, and it was agreed that the power of governing bodies affects the ability of the laity to move. Miss Ozanne said that Catholic women were very articulate at a seminar she had attended on the Liberation of the Person.

If we could define a useful task in this area we could begin to study this in 1973.

NEXT MEETING

Thursday, 1st March, 11. 45 a.m.

Other dates for 1973 would be
May 3rd
July 5th
September 6th
November 1st.

Now that you are approaching the end of your task, I would like to express appreciation to you and to other members of the Working Committee. The minutes have been so carefully prepared and promptly dispatched - complimentary references have often been made at meetings of the W.S.C.C. in Victoria. I hope it will bring some satisfaction to you all to realize the gratitude of church women right round Australia.

Best Wishes for the National
Committee Meeting
Yours sincerely,
Dorothy Pederick.

FROM THE EDITOR: THE NAME OF THESE NOTES IS ASSIST
THE WORK OF ALL CHRISTIAN CHURCH WOMEN

30 Kilby Rd.
East Hill, 3102
19. 11. '72.

Mrs. C. Cornell,
Sec. A.C.W.
15 Burns Parade,
Chapel Hill, 4069.

Dear Mrs. Cornell,

This is to let you know that I shall not be available for reappointment at N.C.M. as a representative of A.C.W. to the Committee on Co-operation. When Mrs. Saunders approached me I accepted nomination with a great deal of hesitation, and agreed to give this work a trial. However, after attending four out of five meetings, I felt that I lack any qualifications that would enable me to make a contribution to the discussions. I hope you will be able to find a more suitable appointee.

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Que. Qld. 4069.

27th November, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Pederick,

Thank you for your letter of the 19th. While we sincerely regret that you are unable to represent A.C.W. on the Committee on Co-operation for 1973, we do value your contribution on our behalf during 1972, as we feel that academic qualification may not be all-important where the intention is to provide a service and help to what Kath Horie described at the 72 N.C.M. as the large "grass roots" section of the church. A balance between academic and non-academic contributions would ensure the relevance of whatever is produced to today's needs. We are hopeful that one of the representatives from Victoria will be available for representation of A.C.W. for 1973, and we thank you for acting in this capacity.

We deeply appreciate your kind comments on the discharge of our duties during our term in office, 1971-2. These have been most enjoyable years, rich in Christian experience and challenge and we are grateful indeed for the opportunity that active participation in this way has presented.

Our best wishes for a joyous and hallowed Christmas Season and for many blessings in 1973.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Cornell, Secretary)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, S.W. Q. 4080.

15th December, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Maxwell,

Many thanks for your letter with its good wishes and kind comments.

We are delighted to have your consent to nomination as a representative to the Committee on Co-operation and are most appreciative of your contribution on behalf of A.C.N. during 1972.

Your thoughts on the cost of mounting N.C.N.s in successive years are shared by the Working Committee, and we are glad that this situation could change if amendments to the Constitution, as submitted in the Notice of Motion, are made.

Incidentally, we have suggested to N.I.C.C. of Victoria, that Victorian representation could be given the name of a consulting nominee (in Mrs. Frederick's place) for appointment to the Committee on Co-operation. This would enable completion of this item of business at N.C.N. - desirable in view of the change in location of Working Committee and our aim to have as little "unfinished business" as possible at the conclusion of the N.C.N.

Our best wishes for a joyous and hallowed Christmas and many blessings in '73.

(Secretary)

P.S. In event of your appointment to the C^otee on Co-op., I shall leave your name on the mailing list for the new secretary, in which case, as our representative you should continue to receive A.C.N. correspondence.

the gift, usually feel the urge to become member of this movement.

- (d) As the valueless tangible tokens, when put together, become a large amount, so the individual prayers offered by many members throughout the world, can become a tremendous force in helping to bring about reconciliation and peace.
- (e) In order to enjoy the fellowship, women from an affluent society are compelled to be within the discipline of giving only the least coin.

HOW AND WHEN IT WAS STARTED :

In the autumn of 1956 an international team of women, sponsored by the women of the United Presbyterian Church in U. S. A., visited East Asian countries on a Goodwill Mission. During their tour the idea of the Fellowship was conceived by an Indian woman, Shanti Solomon, who was a member of the team. This simple idea has been blessed by God as the members have gone round interpreting it to Christian women in various countries. The idea of the Fellowship of the Least Coin catches the imagination of women in every land and it is spreading. Today the members of this Fellowship are found in :

Argentina, Australia, Austria, Brazil, Burma, Cameroon, Canada, Ceylon, Chile, Colombia, England, France, Germany, Guyana, Guatemala, Holland, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Iran, Ireland, Italy, Japan, Kenya, Korea, Lebanon, Liberia, Malaysia, Mexico, Nepal, New Zealand, Pakistan, Rumania, Sabah, Spain, South Africa, Sweden, Switzerland, Scotland, Syria, Taiwan, Thailand, The United States of America, Uruguay, Vietnam, Venezuela, Wales, and Yugoslavia.

Mrs. Shanti Solomon of India is the Promotion Secretary of the Fellowship of the Least Coin and the Executive Secretary of the Asian Church Women's Conference.

'SHANTI' MEANS PEACE

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN

*Do you know this movement?
Are you a member of this Fellowship?*

WHAT IS THIS FELLOWSHIP?

The Fellowship of the Least Coin is an ecumenical movement of prayer for peace and reconciliation, which binds Christian women of all world together in a fellowship of prayer. It is a movement of love and concern for God's people throughout the world.

In every age women have always been concerned with the question of peace. The death roll of war has convinced them that war is not the answer. They have also come to believe that no expert knowledge, no demonstrations, and no programme, however good or effective it is, can bring about peace in the world, unless each individual has gained inner peace and has learned to become reconciled with his neighbour.

HOW TO BECOME A MEMBER:

Anyone, who wishes to join the Fellowship of the Least Coin, promises to spend some time with God in prayer, emptying herself of all her grievances against others and learning the basic lesson of Christian love—'To love your neighbour as yourself.' At the same time she also upholds in prayer those with whom she is concerned. This process of reconciliation can be offered as many times as the need is felt, but at least once a month by every member.

After prayer she puts aside the smallest coin of her currency as a tangible token of her prayer. Once a year these coins are collected and are brought to a special service of dedication. The total offering is then sent to the Least Coin Fund in Geneva. The amount collected in each country is never announced. Each local group decides when and how the Least Coins shall be collected. In

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India, they are collected in tiny clay pots. Empty match boxes are used in Yugoslavia, clam shells in New England's Cape Cod, plastic cowboy boots in Venezuela, and leaf shaped small felt purses in Canada.

GIFTS OF LOVE

This Least Coin Fund can be thought of as a gift of love, because it is offered with a prayer of love and reconciliation. The fund is used in three different ways:

1. To deepen worldwide Christian fellowship by enabling people to get together.
2. To allocate money for certain Church projects, requiring temporary help to meet the challenge of the day.
3. To demonstrate God's love and concern for His people in times of distress and calamity.

The fund is administered by a Central Committee, elected by the Asian Church Women's Conference once in four years.

INFORMATION

The following information on the Fellowship of the Least Coin is available:

1. A pamphlet on the Fellowship of the Least Coin.
2. "The Circle of Prayer", a guide for meditation, prepared by the Asian Church Women's Conference, to which women from many countries have contributed thoughts.
3. A booklet describing projects around the world that have received help from these gifts of love.
4. A film strip on the story of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

(3)

The above mentioned can be obtained from:

CHURCH WOMEN UNITED

Room 812
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y. 10027, U. S. A.
Miss D. Wagner
Room 940
475 Riverside Drive
New York, N. Y. 10027
U. S. A.

Miss Jeanne Bellerjeau
14/1 Praman Road
Bangkok, Thailand.
Mrs. Shanti Solomon
Christian Compound
Civil Lines
Etawah, U. P. India.

5. "In Quest of the Least Coin", a book written by Grace Nies Fletcher, is available at the Publishers, William Morrow & Co., 105 Madison Avenue, New York, N. Y. 10016, U. S. A.

UNIQUENESS

- (a) The offering itself is unique, because all, whether rich or poor, educated or illiterate, sophisticated women of the city or simple women of the village give the same coin of their currency as a token of their prayer. The smallest coin to be given in each country is decided by the women of that country, keeping in mind that the poorest woman may be able to give it without feeling the pinch.
- (b) It brings all Church women together in a fellowship of prayer without any discrimination of race, nationality, colour or culture.
- (c) In this Fellowship there is no distinction of donor and recipient. Every member contributes her mite and all may benefit from this fund. Those who once receive

Guiding Principles for Grants from the Least Coin Funds

The major portion of money is to be spent on Evangelism and Relief. Some should be reserved for ventures of international fellowship among women to attend educational and professional conferences. Since Christian women from all over the world are contributing to this Fund, requests for grants can be entertained from any part of the world. The grants will be non-recurring unless a long term project is desired. (must list at it)

1. Name of Project :

2. Location of Project :

APPLICATION FORM

FOR GRANTS

3. Purpose of Project :
4. Amount requested :
From _____
Complete this form in duplicate and mail to _____

THE FELLOWSHIP OF THE LEAST COIN FUNDS

(a) Sponsoring the project: _____

Address : _____

(b) Administering the grant, if given : _____

(c) Responsible for continuing support : _____

(d) Name & address of person responsible for all correspondence in connection with this project : _____

Guiding Principles for Grants from F. L. C. Funds :

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Since Christian women from all over the world are contributing to this Fund, requests for grants can be entertained from any part of the world.

The grants will be non-recurring, unless a longer tenure is desired.

1. Name of Project :
2. Location of Project :
3. Purpose of Project :
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4. Amount requested : 10000
5. Name & Address of organization :
(a) Sponsoring the project :
(b) Administering the Grant, if given :
(c) Responsible for continuing support :
6. Name & address of person responsible for all correspondence in connection with this project :

7. Relationship of project to the Christian Church.

8. Has this project any other financial assistance ?
If so, name sources .

9. Description of project :
(Please put it on a separate sheet and attach it to this form.)

10. Name & address of person submitting this application :

Date : _____

Complete this form in triplicate and mail to

The Executive Secretary

Asian Church Women's Conference,

Address :

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Bne. Q.. 4069.

29th February, 1972.

The Director,
MATERNAL & CHILD WELFARE,
BRISBANE, Q.

Dear Dr. McFarlane,

Following the submission of information which you kindly supplied to the Working Committee, the National Committee of Australian Church Women, after consideration at its meeting in Sydney (8th - 11th February, 1972), resolved to nominate "Aboriginal Maternal and Child Welfare" (as outlined) as a project worthy of assistance from the funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Enclosed is a copy of the information sheet which was circulated among committee members for their consideration to assist them in coming to a decision in regard to projects.

The Working Committee will now prepare an official submission which will be forwarded in due course to Fellowship of the Least Coin International in Geneva. We would like to attach to this any additional literature which you may consider would provide additional support for it - pamphlets, pictures, etc. Committee members were enthusiastic in their support of this project and felt that as much information as possible should be supplied to Geneva. If, therefore, you are able to let us have any additional supporting literature it will be very much appreciated.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

Concerning "ABORIGINAL MATERNAL AND CHILD WELFARE" -

During 1971 the news media frequently focussed attention on the overwhelming need for the education of Aboriginal mothers if the high infant mortality rate is to be arrested. It is generally accepted that "something must be done". A few individuals with the necessary skills and knowledge are attempting to achieve the "something" that must be done. In the main these are members of the medical profession whose work, because of their special qualifications and knowledge, is most effective. One such person is Dr. Jean McFarlane, M.B.B.S., M.R.C.P. (Ed.), F.A.C.M.A., (Director of the Queensland Maternal and Child Welfare Service.).

DR. McFARLANE has written a booklet, entitled "This is an Australian" in the hope that it will prove useful to doctors, nurses, school teachers and social workers who work with Aboriginal infants and young children. Two points from fourteen summarized statements which conclude the booklet are of particular interest -

- (a) "Remember that children will continue to fail to thrive if, at the same time as they are being treated, the general health and hygiene standards within the community are not improved."
- (b) "Remember that example and encouragement which give incentive to want to do the right thing have more permanent results as a means of education than an authoritarian approach."

The printing of Dr. McFarlane's booklet was arranged by the Queensland Health Education Council.

The Department of Maternal and Child Welfare Services under Dr. McFarlane's direction, has membership in the Queensland Health Education Council, the constituted body officially authorized for Health Education in Queensland.

This body is authorized to investigate health problems and plan programmes for their alleviation, arranging, among other activities, for the production of publications and the provision of visual aids.

In addition to its Annual Grant from Consolidated Revenue, the Council, under the terms of its Constitution can receive "donations, bequests, legacies, grants and contributions".

The press release for the booklet "This is an Australian" and the film "Food for You and Me", stated that

"the Commonwealth plans to send these booklets to all doctors and final year medical students in Australia and to make them available to those working with aboriginals",

its aim being

"to stress the need for children between 6 months and 3 years to have adequate food for growth. The film 'Food for You and Me' photographed and produced by Brian Benson under the direction of Dr. Jean McFarlane for the Queensland Health Education Council, is designed to teach Aboriginals about the correct types of food necessary for growth. The Queensland Health Education Council will provide each settlement with a film for use at the settlement as well as having copies available for lending to those interested in Aboriginal health education. It is fitting that the film and the booklet should be first released in Queensland where so much of the research into the problem has been carried out."

FOUR FILMS HAVE NOW BEEN MADE and are in circulation and available from the Council :

Food for you and Me
Feeding time - Breast Feeding
Feeding time - Bottle Feeding
Why Milk

(Copies of these films have been placed in the National Library in Canberra.)

Press statement: The film "Why Milk" has Aboriginal actors and shows the treatment of milk from farm to factory to consumer. In the factory, special emphasis is placed on ~~process~~ processing powdered milk, as many Aboriginals people live in areas where whole milk is unobtainable. As many Aboriginal babies are now unfortunately being bottle fed, there is a sequence in the film showing how a milk mixture should be prepared. It is essential that every care be taken with the preparation of bottle feeds if bowel infection and subsequent failure to thrive is to be prevented."

IT IS SUGGESTED THAT A DONATION BE MADE TO ENABLE DR. JEAN McFARLANE TO PRODUCE ANOTHER ABORIGINAL HEALTH EDUCATION FILM FOR THE QUEENSLAND HEALTH EDUCATION COUNCIL.

Dr. McFarlane says, "The Council would like to make more such films if money were available. Aborigines enjoy looking at films and so they are a good educational aid.

Topics still to be covered by film include -

Care for the expectant Mother,
V.D.,
Budgeting,
Garbage Disposal, etc."



Box 285, Post Office
Broadway
Brisbane
Telegraphic Address:
"BABCLIN," Brisbane
Phone 51 1081

Maternal and Child Welfare
Administrative Offices
184 St. Pauls Terrace,
Brisbane, 4000.

JMcF:NE

6th March, 1972.

Mrs. C. Connell,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
15 Burnes Parade,
CHAPEL HILL. . . . Q. . . . 4069

Dear Mrs. Connell,

Many thanks for your letter of the 29th February, 1972.
I am sure that if money becomes available for the production of a health
education film many aboriginals will be greatly benefited. I really
have no other relevant information for you: I hope what you have will
be adequate.

Yours faithfully,

Jean McFarlane

DIRECTOR
DR. J. F. McFARLANE
M. B. B. S. M. R. C. P. F. A. C. M. A.

I.S.S. INTERNATIONAL, 220 Faraday St., CARLTON, Vic. 3053.

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane, Qld. 4069.

24th April, 1972.

The Director,
I.S.S. Australian Branch,
Carlton, VICTORIA.

Dear Mrs. Leatherland,

Thank you for your informative letter and the enclosed literature setting out the aims and purposes of I.S.S. Following consideration of these, the Working Committee of Australian Church Women was of the opinion that there was now sufficient up-to-date information available to nominate I.S.S. as a project worthy of consideration by F.L.C. International to receive monetary assistance from the Fellowship's Funds.

The disbursement of some funds through an 'inter-country' organisation may appeal to the "stewards" of the International Funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin. Contributions to the fund are received from Christian women in at least fifty countries around the world as you will see from the accompanying leaflet on this unique fellowship. Quite a considerable time elapses before grants for the year are known, allocations to projects being made following consideration and recommendation by a special committee of the Asian Church Women's Conference which reviews all submissions received.

The National Committee of Australian Church Women meets annually (usually in February). It consists of up to sixty women representing all State Units (Women's Inter-Church Groups), Federal Denominational bodies and related organisations. It was apparent at the '72 National Committee Meeting that very little was known about I.S.S. Perhaps if some literature could be made available for distribution to representatives at the next National Meeting in February '73, this could be taken back by them for further dissemination among their groups at local levels. This would help to put information within the reach of women in local committees who have actual contact with others in need of the practical help which I.S.S. can give. This is a possibility which you may think worth following up at a later date - nearer the time of our National Committee meeting.

Thank you also for your good wishes which are sincerely reciprocated.

On behalf of the Working Committee of A.C.W. -

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

International Social Service

Australian Branch

220 Faraday Street, Carlton, 3053, Victoria. Telephone 347 3377, 347 3868. Cable: Migranto, Melbourne

Director: Mrs. P. Leatherland

16th. May, 1972.

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Mrs. C. Connell,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL. Queensland, 4069.

Dear Mrs. Connell,

Thank you very much for your kind letter of April 24th. 1972. At their meeting next week my Council of Management will be gratified to learn that your Committee is now able to nominate I.S.S. as a project worthy of consideration by Fellowship of the Least Coin International to receive monetary assistance from the Fellowship's Funds.

I am grateful for your suggestion about providing some literature for distribution at the next National Meeting in February 1973. We shall be very pleased indeed to follow this up and appreciate your warm interest in the work we are doing.

With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



(Mrs.) P. Leatherland,
DIRECTOR.

(Allegedly) AUST. C. W.

MURIEL HILL, UNIVERSITY COLLEGE,
AUSTRALIA. 4069.

6th January, 1971.

REV. MARGARETH DHARMA,
10 Djalan Salma Raya,
DJAKARTA 14/3, INDONESIA.

Dear Rev. Dharma,

Following advice from Mrs. Eileen Dingle who is a member of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women, I am writing to you in the hope that you will be able to supply some information for us.

During the year, the Working Committee received a request (through the Young Women's Christian Association) from a small Christian University in Central Java. The writer of the request was Miss Angela Hope on behalf of the Scholarship Fund Committee. She was seeking the interested, sympathetic support of individual Christians or groups who would finance yearly scholarships (approx. \$165.00 each) for students wishing to attend the University but unable to afford the cost. The name of the University is "Satya Matjana", Central Java.

So far, the only information we have about this University is the statement on it from Miss Hope herself, and this accompanied her request. Now we are seeking independent assessment of the worthiness or otherwise of this institution to receive financial assistance in the form of scholarships as Miss Hope suggested. Can you help us? If so, would you be kind enough to forward to me any information you are able to supply as soon as possible.

Our National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women will commence in Sydney on the 7th February. At this meeting various likely projects will be submitted for review and consideration for the purpose of offering financial assistance. It is for this reason that we require information as soon as possible and would appreciate your advice in regard to this particular project, if possible, by the end of January, in order to submit it as a project for this National Meeting.

We take this opportunity to send Christian Greetings and express our gratitude in anticipation of your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary -
AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN)

An important item on the Agenda (Thursday & Friday, 10.00 a.m.) is the consideration of needy projects worthy of A.C.W. support either

- (a) by submission as a project worthy to receive monetary assistance from F.D.C. Funds,
(It has been stated in this connection that an Australian project should be submitted)
- or
- (b) by donation from offerings received on World Community Day, 1972.

Facts concerning some suggested projects are set out for your information to facilitate decision-making when the matter is under consideration.

Some suggested projects are -

1. "Jakkum" (The Christian Foundation for Public Health, Indonesia).
2. "SATYA WATJANA" - Christian University in Central Java, seeking financial support for individual scholarships to the University (\$165.00 per annum) for students eligible to attend but unable to meet the cost. (Information concerning this was circulated with minutes of the Working Committee meeting held in July, 1971.)
3. HALL OF RESIDENCE for WOMEN, UNIVERSITY OF NEW GUINEA - This project has already been brought to the attention of church women throughout Australia.
4. TRAINING OF WIVES OF THEOLOGICAL STUDENTS AT RARONGO (United Church of P.N.G. & S.I.) - The donation from F.L.C. funds was much appreciated, but earthquake damage was quite extensive and much still remains to be done in regard to the training of wives of students.
5. ABORIGINAL MATERNAL & CHILD WELFARE - The infant mortality rate among Aboriginal Australians is believed to be 10 times higher than the overall Australian rate of approx. 20 deaths per 1,000 live births - the rate ~~in~~ among infants between 1 and 4 years is even higher (up to 17 times). "Something must be done!"

Concerning "JAKKUM" -

- The Christian Foundation for Public Health or "Jakkum", is a foundation working in the field of public health in Indonesia. It was founded in 1950 as the Foundation of Christian Hospitals in Central Java. Later emphasis placed on preventive work resulted in the changed name, the Foundation working now from the basis, "how to live healthily".
 - The Foundation works on an "applied research programme" which may be applied to develop rural areas of varying standards via "community development". The programme is preceded by a survey and the collection of data for later use as a basis for development. This method is a responsible but costly one, requiring perseverance.
 - JAKKUM has sought active co-operation with the universities of SATYA WATJANA and Gadjah Mada and other organizations working in the field of community development. It aims to be self-supporting but as expenses mount, outside aid is sought.
 - Following valuable experience in the pilot project in the area of Begadjah village, four other areas have been selected for community development activities.
 - While involving itself in community development, Jakkum continues to expand its efforts in curative and preventive fields. Nine Foundation hospitals are being used by the Government, though Jakkum receives no compensation from the Government. Plans for upgrading and up-dating of hospitals, with new education programmes are in process of being implemented.
 - New branches of Jakkum have been opened in South Sumatra and Central Java.
 - LIMITING DIFFICULTIES ARE THE OBTAINING OF FUNDS AND OF DOCTORS. .. Jakkum enjoys most satisfactory relations with Governmental and other bodies working in the field of public health.
- JAKKUM'S contributions to activities in community development in the past 5 years have included -
- materials and funds for construction of 'a modern healthy home',
 - skilled staff, funds and materials to work the land on a demonstration farm,
 - staff, funds for material and equipment for a Primary School,
 - a place, teachers and equipment (sewing machine, materials for practical work) in a course - 'Towards a Happy Family'.
 - funds, equipment, staff in various activities, viz. control and marketing of production, irrigation, livestock and improvement of poultry.

It is apparent from the report (dated 25/2/71) over the signature of Dr. Gunawan Nugroho, that a most realistic approach is being made to problems associated with needs of Indonesia's densely populated areas, and there is evidence of wise stewardship of funds passing into the control of Jakkum for disbursement.

CORRESPONDENCE-

Summary of correspondence from Indonesia referred to A.C.W. by Y.W.C.A. of Australia.

The letter from Indonesia is over the signature of ANGELA E. HOPE, on behalf of the Scholarship Fund Committee of "Satya Watjana". This is a small Christian University in Central Java. Because of rising costs (living and tuition), students from low income groups are debarred from continuing their education at this Christian University. In 1970, 29 Scholarship holders were sustained but depleted financial resources and a growing list of applications for scholarships urged the committee to seek help from Australia.

One scholarship for one year costs approximately \$165.00 (U.S.), \$8.00 of which represents a monthly living allowance and the rest tuition fees. (Further details obtainable from Indonesia on request).

Miss Hope is an Australian missionary working as a students' Counsellor and has been there for six years.

A statement on the Christian University and the Christian Teachers' Training Institute of Satya Watjana accompanied the letter and made these points -

- A. LOCATION** - 1. The University is in the town of Salatiga in Central Java, Indonesia.
 2. It was founded on 30th November, 1956 as a Christian Teachers' Training College: in 1957 it became a Christian Faculty of Education and on 1st Oct., 1960, the Satya Watjana Christian University was founded.
- B. PRINCIPLES & OBJECTIVES** - "Satya Watjana" means "Faithful to the Word". It seeks to perform the functions of a university as
- i. a scientific institution engaging in teaching, study and research.
 - ii. an educational community - students & teachers.
 - iii. a training institution preparing students for practical service and leadership.
 - iv. a Christian institution witnessing through Christian service.
- It declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures and the message of Salvation by Faith in Jesus Christ which it seeks to present.
 It maintains that the Church's vocation in the world is expressed in fellowship, proclamation of the Good News and service.
 Its major objectives are
- i. to be truly Christian and ecumenical in character, relevant to Indonesia's cultural situation and changing society.
 - ii. to become a centre of thought and experimentation, building up a more just, free and prosperous society.
 - iii. to stimulate creative, non-conformist and critical thinking sensitive to and guided by God's Word.
 - iv. to relate Christian Faith to every field of learning and service.
- C. STATUS** - Satya Watjana is registered as a private Christian University with the Ministry of Education and Culture, its degrees being given the same value as those given in State Universities. It is accountable to the State Dept. of Education, to the Ministry of Religion and the Ministry of Social Affairs also to provincial and municipal authorities. It receives no State subsidies or grants: some of its lecturers are State Public Servants permitted to serve full-time on its staff. It is a member of the Association of Christian Universities and Theological seminaries in Indonesia.
- D. RELATIONSHIPS & FINANCE** - Nine Indonesian Churches originally supported Satya Watjana. By 1971, eighteen churches (synods) share in this endeavour, representing the archipelago and the various national groups constituting the Indonesian nation. Gifts from non-Indonesian churches and organisations of similar conviction, and tuition fees enable it to maintain services and extend facilities - a slow and costly process.
- E. ADMINISTRATION** -
- i. The Board of Trustees is responsible for policy, securing and administering finance, appointment of staff and relations with Churches and government.
 - ii. The Board of Curators is responsible for academic policy and practice.
 - iii. The Administrative Officers (President or Rector Magnificus and 4 co-rectors) are assisted by deans of Faculties and Departmental Heads.
- F. ACADEMIC STRUCTURE** - In 1971 there are 8 faculties -
 THEOLOGY, ECONOMICS, MATHEMATICS, AGRICULTURE, BIOLOGY, ENGINEERING, PHILOSOPHY & Law.
 The Teachers' Training College has 3 faculties -
 EDUCATION with 2 departments and a Guidance Centre.
 ARTS & LETTERS with 1 department and a Language Bureau.
 SOCIAL SCIENCES with 3 departments, viz.: HISTORY, GEOGRAPHY, ECONOMICS & LAW.
ENROLMENT - 1250 (over half women students.)
 In 1970 - 110 full time teachers, 10 of whom are foreign lecturers.
- G. FUTURE** - At present financial support within Indonesia is very limited. With tuition fees steadily rising to meet running costs in extending facilities, the University largely depends on the gifts of Christians outside Indonesia to meet urgently needed capital development.

As Indonesia's economic position improves, Satya Watjana should become more self-supporting while still aiming for higher academic standards, stronger Christian character and greater sacrificial service. "And to this end we would direct the prayers and practical interest of all those who believe with us that Indonesia needs intelligent and educated Christian leaders who in the midst of our changing society, so full of problems and temptations, remain 'Faithful to the Word of God' - "Satya Watjana."



Universitas/I. K. I. P. Kristen Satya Watjana

Dj. Diponegoro 54 - 58 - Telp. No. 341 - Salatiga

Salatiga, 7 March, 1972.

Nomor :

Lampiran : Mrs. C. Connell,
Secretary of Australian Church Women,
Hal : 15 Burns Parade,
Chapel Hill, Queensland. 4069.
Australia.

Dear Mrs Connell,

I have just received a letter from Mr G. Tarrant, dated 17 February 1972, in which he informed me that he had had a long telephone conversation with you, related to an appeal for help in the form of scholarships, which we had sent out some time last year.

Mr Tarrant suggested I write to you, giving you some preliminary information about ourselves and our efforts and hoping that you would be able to correspond with us and let us know how we can help you in helping us.

First of all, when I presented Mr Tarrant's letter to the Committee last week, (the day after it had arrived,) it was received like the long-awaited shower of blessing and the Committee has asked me to express our very warm gratitude for seeing our need and presenting it to others who may be able to share in the costs of educating young people of promise and potential in Indonesia.

Mr Tarrant mentioned that you would like to present the special offering of 'Community Day' as a scholarship for students in this university. Yes, I very much agree that it should go to help women students, and suggest that it may be better to help one person for a longer space of time than to help a number of students for only a year or so, after which they would be at their wit's end, working out how they could continue after the scholarship had been exhausted.

Unfortunately since my last letter was sent off last year, the cost of living here went up, and so the living allowance of scholarships had to be raised. Consequently, instead of a scholarship being worth the \$165.00, as earlier estimated, the scholarship is worth approximately \$ 200 per annum. To graduate in some faculties it takes four years, in others only three. Usually sciences take longer. So to put a student through a course of four years would take \$ 800.00. The other alternative would be to give part-scholarships (for example tuition fees only,) to a number of girls rather than to one. Please let me know what you think would be best. I can supply you with quite a number of photos of students who have already applied for scholarships but whose applications we have had to more or less leave on the file as we have exhausted our funds.

Could you also let me know what kind of information would be most appropriate for the type of meeting you have. I am preparing some material (the trouble is I have to translate the material from Indonesian) and will send it on to you together with some photos of the university etc. and look forward to hearing from you and to know of your suggestions.

Once again thank you very much for your response and for the trust (you reflect) in our efforts to educate Christian men and women who will be the educational leaders of this country in the years to come. May God bless you in your service.

Yours sincerely,

Angela E Hope
Angela E. Hope.

Secretari no. II for the Student
Scholarship Committee.

C.S. Letter of Information about Satya Wajana Christian University.

THE CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY OF SATYA WATJANA AND THE CHRISTIAN TEACHERS'

TRAINING INSTITUTE OF SATYA WATJANA

A. LOCATION AND DEVELOPMENT.

The Christian University of Satya Watjana is located in the town of Salatiga, in the heart of Central Java, Indonesia.

In the period of Islamic expansion, Salatiga was a significant place, transferring the coastal culture from Demak and Semarang to Solo and Jogjakarta.

Before the Communist insurrection of September, 30, 1965, it was a stronghold of Marxism-Leninism. However after the communist party and other communist mass organisations had been eliminated by the Indonesian Government, Salatiga, and specifically Satya Watjana University became a centre of Christian witness, education and service.

Satya Watjana was founded on November 30, 1956 as a Christian Teachers' Training College.

On July 17, 1957, the College was changed into a Christian Faculty of Education and Teacher Training, and since just one faculty could not stay independent, on October 1, 1960, the Satya Watjana Christian University was founded.

B. FOUNDATION PRINCIPLES AND OBJECTIVES.

The words "Satya Watjana" mean 'Faithful to the Word'. Thus Satya Watjana has a basic conviction concerning the nature and functions of a university, namely:

1. A university is a scientific institution which engages in teaching, study and research.
2. A university is an educational community consisting of students and teachers.
3. A university prepares students for practical service and trains for leadership.
4. A Christian University seeks to witness through Christian service.

Satya Watjana declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures and the message of Salvation by Faith in Jesus Christ, which it seeks to present. Satya Watjana maintains that the vocation of the Church in the world may be summed up in the three terms, fellowship (Koinonia) proclamation of the Good News, (kerygma) and service (diakonia.). The Church can fulfil its vocation through love, justice and truth.

Satya Watjana has as her major objectives therefore:

1. to become truly Christian and ecumenical in character, while at the same time relevant to the cultural situation and the needs of the rapidly changing Indonesian Society.
2. to become a centre of thought and experimentation, preparing for and building up a new society which is more just, more free and more prosperous.
3. to stimulate and develop in all, thinking that is creative, non-conformist and critical, yet sensitive to and guided by God's Word.
4. to seek to relate the Christian Faith to every field of learning and service.

C. STATUS Satya Watjana is registered as a University with the Ministry of Education and Culture as a private Christian University. Furthermore faculties which have been established for a considerable time, in particular the Teacher Training section, have been recognised and its degrees given the same 'value' as those given in State Universities.

Thus Satya Watjana is accountable in one way or another to the State Department of Education, as also to the Ministry of Religion and the Ministry of Social Affairs. Furthermore, Satya Watjana is accountable to the provincial and municipal authorities. Yet, as a private Institution, Satya Watjana receives no State subsidies or grants, although some of her lecturers are State public servants who have been permitted to serve full-time on the staff of Satya Watjana.

Satya Watjana is a member of the Association of Christian Universities and Theological seminaries in Indonesia.

D. RELATIONSHIPS AND FINANCE.

Originally, there were nine supporting Indonesian churches, who stood behind Satya Watjana. Gradually more churches became conscious of the vital need for Christian Education and involvement in the training of Indonesian young people. In 1971 there are 18 Indonesian churches (synods) which participate in this endeavour, and represent the various parts of the archipelago, as also the various national groups which constitute the Indonesian Nation.

Satya Watjana also receives gifts from non-Indonesian churches and organisations of similar conviction, and through this support, as also the tuition fees charged, is able to maintain its services and seek to extend its facilities, though this is a slow and costly process.

E. ADMINISTRATIVE STRUCTURE :

1. The Board of Trustees, which is responsible for the overall policy of the university, for securing and administering financial support, for appointment of staff, and for relations with churches and Government.

2. The Board of Curators, responsible for all matters pertaining to academic policy and practice.

3. The Administrative Officers—namely the Rector Magnificus (President) and four co-rectors, and these are assisted by deans of Faculties and Heads of Departments.

F. ACADEMIC STRUCTURE.

There are eight faculties in 1971, as follows:

Faculty of Theology.
Faculty of Economics.
Faculty of Mathematics.
Faculty of Agriculture.
Faculty of Biology.
Faculty of Engineering.
Faculty of Philosophy.
Faculty of Law.

The Teachers' Training College section has three faculties, with their various departments, as follows:

Faculty of Education with two departments and a Guidance Centre.

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Faculty of Arts and Letters, with one department and a language Bureau.

Faculty of Social Sciences, with four departments, namely: history, geography, economics and Law.

The enrolment stands at approximately 1,250, representing many ethnic groups, religions, and sub-cultures. Over half of the student body are women.

In 1970 there were 110 fulltime teachers including 10 foreign lecturers.

G. THE FUTURE :

The continued development of Satya Watjana will depend considerably on the overall economic situation in Indonesia. As stated earlier, at the present moment there is a very limited financial support from within the country. [Tuition fees have been steadily rising to meet running costs, as facilities have been extended. But to meet the substantial capital development which has been urgently needed, the University still largely depends on the gifts of Christian people/organisations outside Indonesia. This latter factor is of great importance to the position that the University seeks to hold as a Christian influence in this society.]

As the economic position of Indonesia improves, so we trust that Satya Watjana may become more and more self-supporting, while at the same time aiming for higher academic standards, stronger Christian character and greater sacrificial service. And to this end we would direct the prayers and practical interest of all those who believe with us that Indonesia needs intelligent and educated Christian leaders who in the midst of our changing society, so full of problems and temptations, remain "Faithful to the Word of God" - "Satya Watjana".]

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UNIVERSITAS/L.K.I.P. KRISTEN
SATYA WAJANA
Djl. Diponegoro 54 - 58
Telp. Sa. 341 - Salatiga

Salatiga, 9 May, 1972.

Nomer :

Lampiran :

Hal : Mrs C. Connell,
Secretary of Australian Church Women,
15 Burns Pde, BNE. Queensland.4069.

Dear Mrs Connell,

Thank you very much indeed for your last letter and the information which you provided for us, as also enclosed leaflet.

At the last Scholarship Committee meeting, these details were discussed, and finally we selected two women students who we feel would most benefit from the scholarships provided by the total offering of the Annual meeting of the World Community Day. We chose two students who are now in second year of their courses and who urgently need help for the next two years, rather than choose one student who could be helped for four years...as it seems almost inevitable that if these two girls are not helped they will leave and so we shall lose two promising teachers for Indonesia's high schools, who are in urgent need of science teachers.

Details about the two girls are as follows:

DEWI. is in second year in the Faculty of Biology (four year course and wants to teach on graduation. She comes from a poor family in Central Java, where her father is jobless, while her mother makes and sells cakes to support the family of seven. Dewi is studying hard but is under constant anxiety over her tuition fees and board costs. She has not as yet paid her fees for last and this year (1972)and unless she is helped she really cannot continue her studies.

ENDANG LIES HARIJANTI. is in second year of the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics (four year course). She comes from East Java, where her father is a primary schoolteacher with a large family to keep, on a very poor salary. Endang is also hoping to become a science teacher when she graduates.

* I enclose 2 photos of each student which you will/may need to cut into the right size/ shape for the leaflet. The two girls would be quite happy to write a letter each if you think this would be helpful.

Please let me know if there is any other information I can give you. Once again our very grateful appreciation for your interest and concern. Please pass on our best wishes to all on the Working Committee.

* Do with glossy surface
for blocking.

Yours very sincerely,

Angela Hope
Angela Hope.



UNIVERSITAS/I.K.I.P. KRISTEN
SATYA WATJANA
DjL Diponegoro 54 - 58
Telp. Sa. 341 - Salatiga

Salatiga, 24 May, 1972

Nomer :

Lampiran :

Hal : Mrs C. Connell,
Secretary of Australian Church Women.
15 Burns Pde,
Chappel Hill, Brisbane,
Queensland. Australia. 4069.

Dear Mrs Connell,

This morning I received your letter dated 16th May. I think that by now you will have received the letter which I sent to you a short time ago together with photos of the two women students which our Student Scholarship Committee had chosen to benefit from the World Community Day Offering.

As stated in the letter, the Committee finally decided on the two students as both are in the middle of their courses and unless helped will have to discontinue their studies.

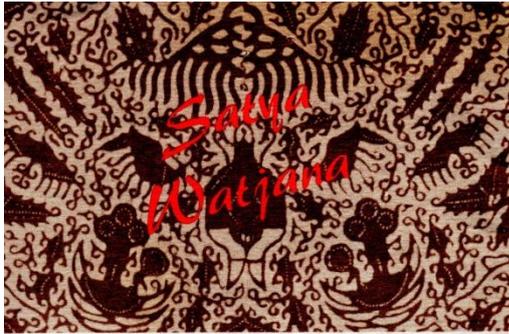
Should you not have received the letter and photos by the time this letter reaches you, please inform me and we shall send you further material.

Our best wishes to you and the Working Committee as you continue in your planning and service.

Yours sincerely,

Angela Hope.

on behalf of the Student Scholarship
Committee.



What is Satya Watjana?

A Christian college in Central Java, small in size, great in courage. Satya Watjana, which means "Faithful to the Word," was founded in the eleventh year of the Indonesian Republic, 1956.

In a fluid and sometimes hostile political setting, it has not only survived but grown stronger. In enrolment it has grown from 100 to 1,100 (1966).



Farthest South of the United Board institutions is Satya Watjana

What is distinctive about it?

It is *Christian*, "existing by God's call to be a servant of Indonesian society and the Indonesian churches." It accepts a responsibility "to shape the conscience of the lecturers and the students." It is *residential*. It concentrates on the *rural* sector of Indonesia. It aims at *high quality* in education. It remains *independent* of the pressure and influence of both the political right and the political left.

Where do the students come from?

Nineteen of the 20 provinces of Indonesia. Eighty per cent of the students come from Java. This is natural, not only because Satya Watjana is in Central Java but because 80,000,000 of Indonesia's 106,000,000 people (1966) are concentrated in Java. The students may be princely, peasant or, as in most cases, middle class. Three out of five are young men.

The campus, at Salatiga, Central Java



What is the academic program?

For everybody, a "core curriculum" of the Indonesian and English languages, sociology and anthropology, philosophy, and Christian religion and ethics. For those who wish to specialize, a choice of teacher training and pedagogy (571 students), economics (215), law (207), math-physics (55), and biology (52).

Who does the teaching?

There are 54 full-time, 107 part-time teachers; most teachers must hold at least two part-time posts. The part-time teachers come from two universities in Jogjakarta, 60 miles to the south, and from law offices in Semarang, 30 miles to the north. Satya Watjana is fortunate in having more full-time teachers than most institutions in Indonesia.

All the part-time teachers and 49 of the full-time are Indonesian. There are now (1966) 2 full-time teachers from the U.S.A. and one each from Australia, England and Germany.

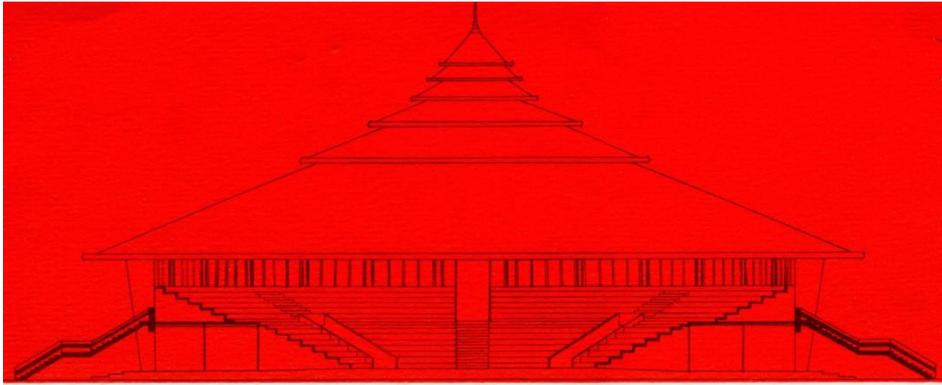
Satya Watjana faculty in the USA for study or conferences: (l. to r.) Dr. Frank L. Cooley; O. Notohamidjojo, Rektor; Mrs. Cooley; Towa Pala Hamakonda; Gustav Petrusz



Classes and meetings are held here

What impact has been made?

It is no exaggeration to state that Satya Watjana, in its few years of existence, has made an impact on higher education in Indonesia. The government has welcomed the experience of the college as a guide in the kind of education that responds to the needs of the country, and the Rektor (president) and his 4 Deputy Rektors serve on pilot government commissions. Other universities, public and private, have been stimulated by it to enrich their curricula and improve their academic activity. Satya Watjana's faculty have contributed to education many new ideas and methods of analysis. To the country's churches, they have provided leadership in conferences at all levels; to Christian, cultural, and political groups and to youth, student, and women's societies, they have brought organization and promotion; to consumer cooperatives, government agencies, and other social institutions, they have contributed direction — and integrity.



Artist's sketch
of proposed
chapel for
Satya Watjana

What is the religious life?

Religious backgrounds are varied. The students are 46.8% Protestant, 4.9% Roman Catholic, 22.5% Muslim. (Ninety per cent of the people of Indonesia are Muslim, 4% Christian.) As for the faculty, all the full-time teachers and 53% of the part-time teachers are Christian.

Chapel services, compulsory for all students, are held every Monday. Voluntary prayer meetings are held Wednesday and Saturday mornings. Students may of course attend church or go to services of other faiths in Salatiga.

Students take part in many social service projects to help the town of Salatiga. These include varied forms of education, well-digging, road building and repair, general cleaning up.

What buildings are there?

For classes, laboratories, library, administration and assemblies, only 4 buildings (35 rooms). More are needed.

Dormitories, 4 providing for 110 students, plus 4 under construction to provide for 240 more. The students for whom there is no room in a dormitory (most of them) must live with private families and in boarding houses.

A modest student center.

Faculty houses, 9 University-owned and 11 under long-term lease.

Four out of ten students are girls



**Students in
regional
costumes**



What does it cost a student?

The cost to the student is extremely low in terms of Western currency. In 1966, for example, room, board and tuition cost only about \$30 a year. This, however, was more than many students could afford. For deserving and needy students, there are some scholarships providing for all expenses, but more of these are needed.

What are the alumni doing?

Satya Watjana has sent out as seed into Indonesian Christian churches, schools and society 600 graduates. About 80% are serving as principals or teachers in Christian schools. This is especially important because graduates of public institutions are required, if they teach, to serve in public schools. These Satya Watjana graduates have both raised the level of education and made it more relevant to society's needs. Some alumni, as elected officials, are working within legislative bodies, defending the principles of justice and truth for the common people. A few of them have been imprisoned for challenging corrupt officials. There are active alumni in Borneo, Java, Sumatra, and other islands.



Graduates from Molucca Islands



A faculty conference

Who is responsible?

A Board of Directors, composed of church leaders and business and professional men, appointed by the 18 churches which make up the Council of Churches of Indonesia. It is this Council which, together with churches in the U.S.A. and Canada, Australia, New Zealand, the Netherlands and West Germany, sponsors the University. In the U.S.A. and Canada, churches aid Satya Watjana through the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia.

The executive staff consists of the Rektor and his 4 Deputy Rektors — for academic, student, administrative and financial affairs, and public relations.



What does Satya Watjana need?

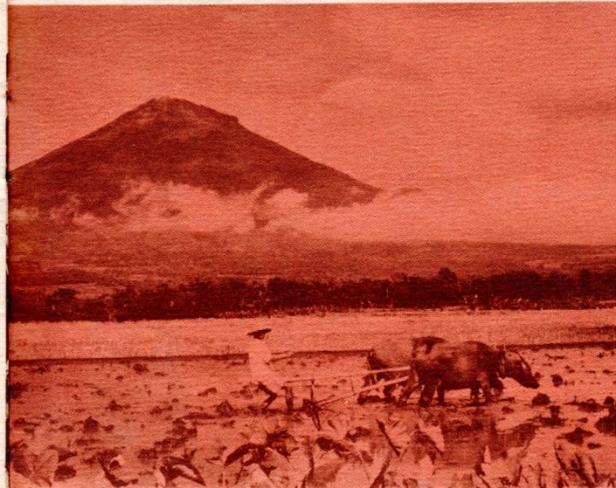
- 1.** Continuing improvement in instruction. The securing of additional full-time teachers, and the preparation of more Satya Watjana graduates for such posts through fellowships for graduate study. The development of the Research Institute, which was established in 1966 to bring into closer relationship research and teaching, theory and practice.
- 2.** An adequate plant.
A well-equipped library building.
More dormitories, classrooms, laboratories, offices, faculty houses, and rooms for student activities.
A chapel, to be the center of religious life.
- 3.** Laboratory apparatus and other instructional aids. A much larger collection of books and periodicals.

You can help this strategically located Christian college with your gift, large or small, through the United Board for Christian Higher Education in Asia, 475 Riverside Drive, New York, N. Y. 10027.

Make your check out to UNITED BOARD. In this way your gift will be deductible for income tax purposes.

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AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

(In association with the Australian Council of Churches, which is affiliated with the World Council of Churches).

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane,
QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. 4069.

14th June, 1972.

Dear Miss Hope,

Thank you very much for your letters of May 9th and 24th. Our leaflet for insertion in the Orders of Service for A.C.W.'s World Community Day is now in the hands of the printers. Thank you also for the photos. Your thought in sending two copies was much appreciated: we have been able to include one of each in our A.C.W. "Scrap Book" and also in official records.

The printer reduced the photos to "head only" pictures which came up quite well on the proof and together with the notes which you supplied on the two students, will, we hope, attract support for our project.

A.C.W. issues a monthly newsletter ("Women at Work") which has a fairly wide circulation among the various Church Women's groups in Australia; it was felt that if the two girls would each be kind enough to write a letter, we could give further publicity to our Offering Project in advance, by reproducing these in the newsletter. Personal interest and concern for the girls themselves would be stimulated in this way, as it would provide women with opportunity to become a little acquainted with the girls before making their gifts.

We will be very interested to hear from you again and to receive a "line or two" from the girls.

We send Greetings and Best Wishes to you, and to Dewi and Endang Lies Harijanti as they continue their studies.

- Good Wishes also for every Christian undertaking at Satya Natjana.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)



Universitas / I. K. I. P. Kristen Satya Watjana

Djl. Diponegoro 54 - 58 - Telp. Sa. 341 - Salatiga

Salatiga, 20 July, 1972.

Nomor :

Lampiran :

Mel :

Mrs C. Connell,
Secretary,
Australian Church Women,
15 Burns Pde,
Chapel Hill, Brisbane.
Queensland. Australia.

Dear Mrs Connell,

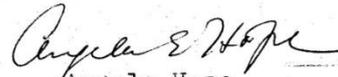
My apologies for the delay in answering you last letter dated 14 June. The University was in the throes of exams when your letter arrived and by the time I could contact the two students it was only after their mid-term holidays this month.

However they seemed very happy to try to write a letter each, for the 'Women at Work' newsletter, and I hope you can use all or parts of these. I enclose both in this letter.

The Scholarship Committee has not been able to meet since the end of the last Semester and so now we are chasing up all the work which has piled up over the past month.

Please convey our greetings to all working through the 'Australian Church Women'.

Yours very sincerely,


Angela Hope,

on behalf of the Scholarship C'tee.

encl. two letters.

Dear friends in Australia.

My name is Dewi.

I graduated from High school in Semarang and now I am a student of the Biology Faculty in Satya Wafaria Christian University Salatiga Central Java.

I first heard about Satya Wafaria from our church "Gereja Ton Almasih" Semarang.

As I myself am a Christian, I chose Satya Wafaria because it is a Christian University and I believe that God has brought me here as I asked His guidance and help.

I chose Biology because I am interested in plant life and would like to be a research laboratory worker in this field.

The facilities in Satya Wafaria are good and I have been very happy studying here.

The Biology faculty was begun in 1962 and has grown the last 10 years, together with many other faculties.

We now have over 1,300 students who come here from all parts of Indonesia.

The Dean of the Biology faculty is also the Chairman of our Scholarship Committee.

Since both my parents are working hard to keep all my brothers and sisters (eight of us) at school, I wanted to leave and find a job.

But I was encouraged to apply for a scholarship, and have been told that the Christian ladies in Australia are thinking to help us.

My heart is full of hope and faith, that God will help you all to help us.

This letter is to thank you for your love and care for the students of Satya Wafaria.

Your's



(Dewi).

Dear friends of the Australian Church Women.

Although my wording and speech is not complete enough, yet I am making every effort to write a letter to the Australian Church Women who are wanting to help us as neighbouring Christian students.

I come from Malang, a small town in East Java, my father is an elementary school teacher in a village and I have two young brothers.

I first heard about Satya Wajana Christian University from a lecturer who comes from East Java too.

I came to Satya Wajana University in 1971, and entered the Faculty of Mathematics and Physics, known here as "FIPIA".

I am now in my second year.

I joined FIPIA, because I am happy with mathematics and I want to develop my knowledge to help the Indonesia society in some way.

I am very happy studying at Satya Wajana, especially in the laboratory of physics and new library, and also because Satya Wajana is a Christian College where I have found Christian friendship.

Here also we are taught about Christian understanding and about the Christian way of life. I am already a Christian and a member of the Javanese (Dutch Reformed) Church.

After one year I applied for a scholarship to Satya Wajana, because I need to lighten the responsibility my parents, who are struggling hard to keep me here.

If there are lacks in my letter I request forgiveness.
Thank you.

Yours gratefully,


(Endang Hies Heriantini)

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(in association with the Australian Council of Churches which is affiliated with
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15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane,
Queensland, AUSTRALIA. 4089.

15th August, 1972.

Miss A. Hope,
Scholarship Committee,
U.K. SATYA NAYJANA.

Dear Miss Hope,

Thank you for your letter of the 20th July, enclosing letters from students,
Dewi and Endang Lina Harijanti.

We were delighted to receive these and plan to include them (in part) in the
September issue of the A.C.W. newsletter, "Women at Work". We hope the interest and loving
concern thus created will find expression in generous giving on World Community Day.

I have taken the liberty of enclosing a brief reply to each student which I hope
you will be kind enough to pass on to them.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

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15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane,
Queensland, AUSTRALIA. 4069.

15th August, 1972.

Dear Devi,

It was a special pleasure to receive a letter from you at the Christian University, Satya Natjana. We feel we know you a little better now, and we are going to include your letter in our September issue of the newsletter which is sent to Church Women in Australia. They, too, will appreciate a personal note about your studies at Satya Natjana, and we are looking forward to a generous response to our offering on World Community Day in October to help with your University fees. You have chosen a very interesting field of study and we wish you success as you continue the course. We too, believe that God has directed you to study among your Christian friends at Satya Natjana, and we are sure He has a place for you in His plan when the course has been completed successfully.

Warm Greetings and Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. G. Connell, Secretary)

AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN

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15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane,
Queensland, AUSTRALIA. 4069.

15th August, 1972.

Dear Endang,

You do not need to apologise for your English - we thought it very good. We very much appreciate the effort you made to write telling us about your studies at Satya Watjana. We plan to share your letter with readers of our Australian Church Women's Newsletter issued in September. It makes such a difference to have some personal knowledge of the one we desire to help. - We know you just a little better now.

We are glad to know that you are enjoying your studies in Maths. and Physics and also the Christian friendships you have made at Satya Watjana. We hope that you will be able to complete the course most successfully and achieve your goal of contributing to the good of Indonesian society as a Christian woman. We are looking to our Australian Church Women to help make this possible for you.

We send our Best Wishes.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

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15 Burns Parade,
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QUEENSLAND, AUSTRALIA. 4069.

14th June, 1972.

The Secretary for Inter Church Aid,
EAST ASIA CHRISTIAN CONFERENCE,
POST BOX 637,
VIENTIANE,
LAOS.

Dear Mr. Isaac,

Thank you for the advice of May 2, regarding the authorization of the payment of US \$1,000, being contribution from the Fellowship of the Least Coin towards the Institute for Aborigines. Australian Church Women are delighted that this project which they submitted was considered worthy to receive financial assistance.

A cheque for the amount US \$1,000 (Aus.\$832.95) has now been received from the World Council of Churches in Geneva and arrangement is being made for immediate presentation to the Institute, which will, we are sure, be most grateful for this much needed help.

Official receipt has been forwarded to Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

(Secretary - Mrs. C. Connell)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane, Q. 4069.
14th February, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Verco,

At the recently concluded National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women, the matter of sorting and storing of early A.C.W. records was discussed. It was felt that the historical value of such records warranted their storage in a permanent but easily accessible repository.

The President of the New South Wales Unit, Mrs. Lt. Col. O. Carpenter, offered on behalf of the Unit, that they be stored in a steel cabinet along with N.S.W. records, at the office of the Australian Council of Churches in Sydney. This kind offer was gratefully accepted.

In regard to the sorting of the accumulation of A.C.W. papers in order to determine which were of value and merited preservation, it was agreed that this was a task for a person of particular discernment concerning them - some one who had close involvement with A.C.W.'s 'first chapters'. It therefore gives me special pleasure, following our conversation at N.C.W., to make an official request on the National Committee's behalf, to you to undertake this task, in collaboration with Deaconess Andreas and Mrs. W. Wylie, as may be necessary. This is not to be regarded as an 'assignment with a time limit' but rather as a 'leisure occupation' (if you have such a rare commodity as leisure!) from which you may derive not a little pleasure in the doing of it.

Mrs. Lt. Col. Carpenter advised that she will be in Brisbane very shortly and is prepared to bring the boxes of records back to Sydney for delivery to you and their ultimate destination in the filing cabinets at the A.C.C. office. The Working Committee feels this to be a happy solution to a problem of some concern. The transporting of these records from State to State with its attendant risk of loss, seemed a quite unnecessary expense to A.C.W.

Should there be any queries or matters in which the Working Committee can be of assistance, please contact me. We assure you of our sincere gratitude for your willingness to accept the role of 'archivist' for A.C.W. and are delighted to have you again closely involved in the "workings" of the National Committee.

In Christian Love,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

959-5999

36/17 RAGLAN STREET

MOSMAN,

N.S.W., 2088

8th March, 1972.

Dear Cora,

Thank you for your letter inviting me to be "archivist" for A.C.W. I really can't imagine anything more out of my line of activity; but, nevertheless, if you are happy for me to regard it as a "leisure occupation", I shall be very happy to do the best I can to sort out the papers & get them into some sort of order. I guess I shall be glad to call on Mabel Wylie & Mary Andrews from time to time!

I shall speak to Mrs. Carpenter re transport & storage. David & I plan to be in Brisbane from 12th

May, to attend the College of Education meetings & as we shall be driving up, we could perhaps bring them back with us. My only problem is that I don't think I will be able to accommodate them here, we are "bursting at the seams" now that David is operating from home.

I'll call you while I'm in Brisbane, anyway.

Best wishes to you all & thank you again for your tremendous contribution in the organization of such a successful N.C. Meeting. We were very proud of "our Cora".

Yours sincerely,
Gaynor D.

P.P. Please give our love to Alice & Uncle Eric. We remember them of ^{the} W.

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Bno. Q. 4069.

27th March, 1972.

Dear Marj.,

Many thanks for your letter of the 5th and the encouraging comments.

I can appreciate your "accommodation problem", and I am hoping Mrs. Carponter may be able to help out by letting you have a small quantity of records to work on at a time, leaving the rest in storage with New South Wales records.

Olive sends her love. She was eager for news of your husband's health and was somewhat reassured by the fact that you are both planning to come to Brisbane in May. Clive is much better than for quite some time - he even drove his car to church at the week-end, which was quite something! They both look forward to making contact when you are here in May.

It has been very interesting to read the "frank" comments from the evaluation slips which National Committee members filled in during the final session of the meeting in Sydney. They will provide a very helpful guide for the planning of the 1973 meeting.

Perhaps when you're in Brisbane in May, there'll be opportunity to have you out here: we are quite close to Kenmore Christian College. - I'll look forward to your 'phone call.

Sincerely,

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane, Qld. 4069.

1st March, 1972.

Dear Mrs. Thiering,

Your generosity in supplying the manuscript of your lectures (National Committee Meeting, Australian Church Women, 1972) so that a copy could be made for each woman present, is very much appreciated.

We are very much aware of the thoughtful and time-consuming preparation which was required to produce lectures at once so interesting, informative and stimulating and so very much in line with the theme and discussion-topic of the meeting. This, together with your own lively presentation of the lectures made the Bible Study sessions quite the highlight of the '72 meeting.

In case you may wish to pass on some copies, there are two enclosed which are exactly the same as those being despatched to women present at the meeting. I have kept the stencils and would be glad to duplicate more copies, should you have use for them, or if you would find the stencils themselves useful, I would be happy to despatch them to you.

The current 'surfeit of Germain Greer' leaves me wishing that A.C.W. were in a position to put into the hands of women - at least of church women - something of a 'counter' to it: this I believe you have produced in the content of your lectures. I found an echo to these sentiments in the Working Committee Meeting on Monday last, so if you "go into print" at some future time, you can be sure of some ready channels for distribution through Australian Church Women.

Best Wishes for your every undertaking -

Sincerely,

(Secretary, A.C.W.)
- Mrs. C. Connell.

30 Barombah Rd
Epping 2121
14th February 1972.

Dear Mrs Connell,

I will leave the enclosed manuscript in your hands. A roneoed screed would be easiest, but if you wanted to have a booklet or something of the kind printed, I would be happy to help with production details.

Many thanks again for the fellowship I enjoyed with the Committee members, and for the marvellous organisation on your part which made it all possible.

Yours sincerely,

Barbara Thiering

56 Epping Ave.,

Epping

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Dear Lona,

Many thanks for the A.C.W. minutes & reports which I have enjoyed reading.

Congrats. on the best A.C.W. National Committee that I have attended, except for the few occasions when one or two members got a bit overexcited (or something) I thought there was a very happy spirit with everyone willing to participate fully, the speakers were excellent.

In Sept. the Y.W.C.A. is having its annual seminar at Lybulla, our theme is to be "Wither Women?" with appropriate sub-titles I asked Mrs. Fleming if she would give us some of the material she showed at A.C.W. she was delighted and is going to widen her subject - should be a very interesting week-end. We hope to have Joan Stuse & or Pam Lymer as well.

I asked Willie Taisuta if he had any information about Satya Matjama & the enclosed folder comes from him, if you already have this it's no help if not you may be able to use some of it for information.

I have written to Shanti & told

then she would be hearing from you, so I hope she's making some definite plans, as it's a terrific job to get all details from her & to organize the states into preparing will ahead. — as you know — I also told her we were willing to pay what is owing for Bird of Prayer but we hadn't been able to find out how much we really owe & asked her to see if she could get some action.

I was very thrilled that A.C.W. felt they should investigate the possibility of subsidizing 1978 Asian Conf — I had hoped this might happen, but in view of the continual moan about raising money felt it was unlikely.

Apologies to all the working com.

Sincerely yours
Dya

15 Burns Parade,
Chapel Hill, Bne. 4069.
7th March, 1972.

Dear Olga,

- Just a note to express special thanks and pleasure on receiving your letter and the enclosure on "Satya Watjana".

No doubt you have received the copy of Mrs. Thiering's lecture by now. I found a particular pleasure in absorbing it as I typed it and must admit to being a little envious of your added opportunity to hear more from her on this really significant subject. I wish A.C.W. were financial to the extent of backing a publication of her work: it would will the very obvious need to offset the surfeit of "Germaine Greer fare" with something of practical, realistic and intensely interesting content for church women.

Many thanks for your kind thought in sending the folder on "Satya Watjana". As yet I have not received a reply from the University but, no doubt, there'll be something from there very soon. In the meantime, the folder answers all the important questions regarding its aims and purposes.

QANTAS have been helpful in mapping out a suggested itinerary for submission to Shanti Solomon. Actually we felt that the month she suggested was not long enough for the quite extensive trip she plans to undertake. We're hoping that when she realizes the stress it would impose on her to travel at the pace it would require, she will want to revise the schedule to take at least six or eight weeks. We are awaiting her reaction and as soon as firm dates can be determined we will get the news out so that worthwhile plans can be made by State Units.

If only we could ascertain the amount owing for "Circle of Prayer", it would be a simple matter to arrange immediate payment. Mrs. Haigh has written to both Rathie Selvaratnam and Shanti in vain endeavours to get things settled.

A reminder now and then concerning the National C'tee's promise to consider possible financial assistance which could be offered should help to keep interest alive in a future Asian Church Women's Conference in Australia.

Best Wishes from the Working C'tee in Q.

Sincerely,

(Sec.)

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15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL,
BRISBANE, QUEENSLAND,
AUSTRALIA. 4069.

14th June, 1972.

The General Secretary,
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
150 route de Ferney,
CH 1211 GENEVA 20,
SWITZERLAND.

Dear Sir,

Australian Church Women gratefully acknowledge the receipt of the cheque for US \$1,000. (Aus. \$832.95), being contribution from the Fellowship of the Least Coin, as authorized by the East Asia Christian Conference. Immediate presentation of this amount will be made to the Institute for Aborigines at Alice Springs in Central Australia, this being the project submitted by the National Committee of Australian Church Women to receive financial assistance from the funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin.

Official receipt is attached hereto.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)



VICTORIAN COUNCIL
OF CHURCHES
100 FLINDERS ST., MELB.
RECD 3 MAY 1972
REFER TO: Mrs. Payne
FILE: A.C.W.

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WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES

**PROGRAMME UNIT
EDUCATION AND COMMUNICATION**
▼ Renewal and renewal movements ▼

GENEVA, April 1972.

Dear Friends,

I am writing to you to-day concerning the Women of Bangladesh. After you have read the enclosed description of their plight, please consider whether it might be possible for you to help them and what provision could be made from your budget. This is likely to be a long-term problem, so planning ahead in our budgets will be as important as the much-needed immediate emergency grant. They will indeed be grateful to you.

Apart from my own colleagues in the World Council of Churches who are working on the overall situation, I am in touch with the International Women's Council, and we have all agreed not to set up separate projects in this connection. We have agreed to work through the existing bodies in Bangladesh and the special committees set up there.

We shall be working through the Director of our relief committee, Mr. Amit, who is not concerned about the situation of these women and about the fact that there is not yet enough money allocated to help them.

So I have decided to make an appeal to the solidarity of church-women around the world, and hope very much you will be able to respond with your usual great generosity! //

This brings all my best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely,

Brigalia Bam.

Brigalia Bam

The Australian Church-women of Victoria
attn. Mrs. Payne
c/o Rev. D. Dargaville
Victorian Council of Churches
100, Flinders Street
MELBOURNE, Victoria
Australia

*Copy. to Val. C. O'Neil
Mrs D. Mathers*

THE WOMEN OF BANGLADESH

It is now well known that one of the most terrible features of the war in Bangladesh was the rape of some 200,000 women. Some observers even allege that the rape was part of a deliberate policy designed to create a new race to unite East and West Pakistan. Be that as it may, there is no doubt that the effect has been to bring a difficult social problem to the country. The women have been thrust deep into an interior conflict within their country: on the one hand, they are officially described by the Government as heroines, on the other is the fact that, within the culture, they are regarded as "disgraced" by their families as well as by any potential husband. A Malaysian woman who visited Bangladesh in an East Asian Christian Conference programme to help the women said: "It would be hard for a westerner to understand how terrible this is for a Muslim woman. Most have been isolated from men since puberty. Many would never even show their own faces to anyone other than a husband."

In addition to the social stigma, many thousands of children are expected to be born who are not wanted by their mothers and who will be regarded as outcasts in the society. No one knows the full extent of the problem, though there have been reports of widespread abortion, and it is feared that there will also be infanticide if something is not done for the girls, most of whom are aged between 12 and 25. It is clear in this situation that blankets, food and saris are not enough. The need is for imaginative social programmes that restore self-dignity and provide skills and training for the women to take a full part in the society.

At the present time, a wide variety of programmes are in operation, or projected, which cover everything from simple relief to consideration of the part the women can play in the future of Bangladesh. The Sisters of Charity, led by Mother Theresa of Calcutta, have opened a Shishu Bhavan (Children's Home) in Dacca, to handle as many as 100 women in advanced stages of pregnancy and to care for children after birth. There are other homes in Pabna and Rajshahi. But the work has started slowly, as the girls are unwilling to come forward. It looks as if the society has been able to absorb at least some of the girls. The Sisters plan to teach skills to the girls. Courses include sewing, cooking, book-keeping and weaving. Altogether they will care for about 1,000 girls.

A small group of Bangladesh social workers have drawn up a Bangladesh Women's Emancipation Programme, supported by the International Planned Parenthood Federation. Their manifesto begins: "Bangladesh is free, but only one half of our people are free. The other half are not allowed to decide their own course in life, nor are they free or properly prepared to take part in the emancipation of Bangladesh. We owe to our women emancipation, social and cultural, as much as we need their brains, their hands, their hearts in the build-up of our nation".

A first aim of the programme is to help the violated women. Abortion will be provided for those who wish it. (Abortion is itself, however, a difficult religious and social issue in a Muslim society). But emphasis is also placed on the need for basic education and vocational training.

The Bangladesh Ecumenical Relief and Rehabilitation Service has outlined a pilot programme for training 25 girls as nurses or nurse aides. This will be under the direction of Prof. Ayesha Nabi of the School of Social Welfare, Dacca University. The girls will be trained to Bangladesh professional standards and guaranteed employment on completion of the course. But only \$200,000 has been set aside, from the \$13 million programmes, for women's projects.

An imaginative scheme has been suggested by a British sociologist, Richard Hauser, which is designed to help the outcasts "attain greater dignity than would normally have been the case, by being given the choice to become members of a group recognized for its social value and having status inferior to none and equal to the best in the country." He foresees the creation of an "order" of women, with no religious connections or vows, who would work as national, community and neighbourhood workers. His plan also envisages the setting up of a number of orphanages where the children could receive loving care.

The need is for full integration in the society by means of education and employment. Training courses are required and opportunities must be given for such things as cottage industries. Social workers are required who can give counselling to the women and also organize courses in child-care and health education. Large sums are needed to ensure that worthwhile programmes aimed at meeting the real needs of the women can be realized.

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AEROGARME TO MISS BRIGALIA BAN, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES - Education & Communication -
Renewal and Renewal Movements,
150, ROUTE DE FERNEY, 1211 GENEVA 20, SWITZERLAND.

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15 Burns Parade,
Chapel Hill, Brisbane,
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26th June, 1972.

Miss Brigalia Ban,
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES -
Education & Communication - Renewal and
Renewal Movements.

Dear Miss Ban,

Your letter with its enclosed statement on the WOMEN OF BANGLADESH was brought to the attention of the Working Committee of Australian Church Women at its monthly meeting today.

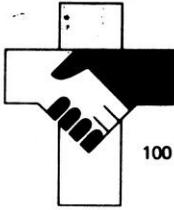
The Committee is anxious to give Australian Church Women an opportunity to make an immediate spontaneous response in their Units and Groups to this desperate situation, should they be able to do so. To that end duplicated copies of your letter and the statement have been circulated as widely as possible.

As the National Committee of Australian Church Women meets annually, it has been decided that the matter be brought to the attention of the next meeting in February, 1973, for the purpose of making a generous response on a national basis during 1973. In due course you will be advised of the decision made in regard to this.

Assuring you of our prayerful concern and financial support as we are able to arrange for it to be given on a national basis. -

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)



WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION Formerly Inter-Church Aid

100 Flinders Street, Melbourne, 3000 Telegrams: "Ecumenical" Melbourne Telephones 63 6813

Secretary: The Rev. Brian Walsh

March 15, 1972

Mrs. C. Connell
15 Burns Parade
CHAPEL HILL
BRISBANE 4069

Dear Mrs. Connell,

Re World Community Day Offering

I was wondering if you need my help again this year in preparing the descriptive leaflet about the World Community Day offering for the World Christian Action project being supported.

I notice that your printed Order of Service says...

"The leaflet which you received with this Order of Service gives information on the World Christian Action project which will ~~XXXX~~ receive this year's World Community Day's offering".

This is in line with the practice of the last four years. The Committee when in Melbourne accepted the fact that, because of A.C.W.'s close association with the Australian Council of Churches, the World Community Day project should be one sponsored by World Christian Action.

But I notice that the project chosen was not chosen by the World Christian Action office in Sydney. Your Working Committee's minutes of 29th February 1972 state "The Secretary had contacted Mr. Tarrant (local Secretary for Overseas Missionary Fellowship) whose organisation was in touch with Miss Angela Hope. It was anticipated that additional information re "Satja Watjana" and the Scholarship Scheme would be forwarded without delay. Explanatory leaflets on the Offering Project could then be prepared for distribution with World Community Day Orders of Service."

Your Committee seems to have a problem, with an order of service which says the offering is to go through one channel and a leaflet which will say another.

I have other information about "Satja Watjana" from our National Office. Mr. Stephenson there says "We received a direct request from an Australian missionary on its staff during 1971 for scholarship aid. She was referred to

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the Indonesian National Council of Churches Scholarship Committee in that we assist with scholarships through them."

It seems likely that you have decided to support this request channelled to A.C.W. and to the A.C.C. and perhaps several other organisations.

We believe that decisions as to who is the most deserving of help should be made in the country concerned.

By the same token, I think that the decision as to who should receive a Winifrid Kiek Scholarship could be left with the Council of Churches in the area which it has been decided it can be awarded in the particular year.

I think there are several important principles involved in this which are worth consideration by the Working Committee.

With kind regards.

Yours sincerely,

(REW.) BRIAN WALSH Secretary

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Que. 4000.
27th March, 1972.

The Secretary,
Rev. Brian Walsh,
WORLD CHRISTIAN ACTION,
VICTORIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, MELBOURNE.

Dear Mr. Walsh,

Thank you for your letter of the 15th March.

Firstly, the Working Committee wishes to offer a word of explanation in regard to the note contained in the Order of Service for World Community Day, 1972, relative to the offering project. The Order of Service was printed during January, 1972, in readiness for distribution to representatives at the 1972 National Committee Meeting in Sydney, for two reasons -

- (a) To comply with requests from some States that these be received as early as possible in each New Year to permit distribution to branches from a central meeting held early in the year, and to allow for adequate preparation time for a well-conducted service,
- and (b) To save A.C.W. the considerable amount in postage which later transmission to distant States would have incurred.

Without knowledge of the 1972 offering-project at the time of printing (this being a National Committee decision), it was assumed that a similar procedure as for the '71 meeting would be followed in determining what the project should be. At the '71 meeting, there were sufficient copies of the World Christian Action News-sheet made available through some channel, for every member present to have a copy for perusal. Unfortunately, no similar copies "materialised" at the '72 meeting, hence the committee considered only those suggested projects which member groups had brought to its attention. Former Working Committee members and A.C.C. representatives present did not raise the point that it was established practice to select a World Christian Action project.

The Working Committee does appreciate the wisdom of working through National Councils of Churches in these matters and regrets most deeply that information in regard to the request from "Satya Natjana" had not been made available to A.C.W. The request was originally received by the Y.W.C.A. of Australia (a member group of A.C.W.) and referred to A.C.W. for consideration and possible action. A copy of the correspondence from "Satya Natjana" was circulated with minutes of the July (71) meeting of the Working Committee which were forwarded promptly to all National Committee members: these include former Working Committee members and four A.C.C. representatives. A copy also was sent to the General Secretary, A.C.C. An attempt was later made to find an accredited source in Indonesia to supply information in regard to the Christian University, "Satja Natjana". This also was duly reported in the circulated minutes, but at no time was there comment made in regard to it. However, at the '72 National Meeting, several representatives could supply sufficient information to support its nomination as the offering-project for 1972.

Early in 1971, Mrs. Ashton (As immediate past-president of A.C.W.) indicated that a prior arrangement had been made for the printing in Victoria of last year's special leaflet. This was very much appreciated by the Working Committee in Queensland. In the absence of advice to the contrary, it was assumed that with the movement of the Working Committee location to Queensland, responsibility was accepted by it to make local arrangement for printing requirements. It is intended that the leaflet issued with the Order of Service for World Community Day '72 contain two special notices

- re (i) the 1972 Offering-project, and
- (ii) the collection, during the service, of "least coins" for the year, for eventual remittance through A.C.W. to F.L.C. International.

It is realised that the leaflet must state that, in accordance with the National Committee

decision, the project which is being supported through the 1972 offering is the Christian University in Central Java, "Satya Watjama", and that this is not a World Christian Action project.

In reply to queries raised by Mrs. Pope (Convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee) concerning the selection of the Winifred Kiek Scholar, Mr. F. J. Stephenson, Finance Secretary, D.W.C.A., wrote

"The suggestion has been made in this office in discussing your letter, that you may consider rotating the scholarship by areas and take applications from Asia one year, Pacific (including Papua and New Guinea) the next year, and Africa the following year. In this way, your committee could limit the number of occasions when long distance fares would have to be met. We understand that African women find it even more difficult to obtain scholarship possibilities than Asian women.

"Possibly the rotation idea would help reduce the applications you need to handle each year, but still give the opportunity (even if spread out), for women from Africa, Asia and the Pacific to be selected for your scholarship.

"Clearly, these ideas are only suggestions as we realise that the decision as to the scope and procedures of the scholarships will need to be made quite independently by your Committee."

The Working Committee hopes that this rather lengthy explanation will clarify the position.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Bno. Q. 4069.

25th April, 1972.

The General Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Engel,

The Working Committee has asked me to convey to you its sincere appreciation of the assistance given by yourself and Dr. D'arcy Wood towards the mounting of our 1972 National Committee Meeting. The contributions of Miss Jean Skuse, Miss Pamela Gruber, Dr. D'Arcy Wood and Mrs. Barbara Thiering during the various sessions of the National Meeting were all most stimulating and helpful. It is of particular interest that, according to an analysis of Evaluation Slips completed by National Committee members at the conclusion of the Meeting, the Bible Study Lectures presented by Mrs. Thiering were considered to have been the most interesting and helpful of all the National Committee Meeting sessions other than business.

A decision concerning the venue of the 1973 Meeting has not yet been reached, but it would be reassuring to know that should Deaconess House, Sydney, finally be selected, the A.C.C. would be kind enough to make a somewhat similar contribution to the 1973 programme as for February, 1972.

With every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connel, Secretary)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Que. Q. 4000.

25th September, 1972.

The Rev. F. Engle,
General Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Engle,

Re general matters - NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING of A.C.W., 1973

- (i) Enclosed are four Registration Forms for the National Committee Meeting of Australian Church Women which will be held at Deaconess House, Sydney, 8th - 9th February, 1973. The Constitution of A.C.W. provides for representation on the National Committee of four women appointed by the Australian Council of Churches. Will you be kind enough to request the appointees from the Executive Committee of the A.C.C. to complete these forms and return them to me by the 30th November.
- (ii) The Working Committee wishes to extend an invitation to the Women's Organizations of the Orthodox Churches in N.S.W. (Greek, Antioch, Serbian and Armenian) to send an observer to the National Committee Meeting of A.C.W. in 1973. I should appreciate it very much if you could supply names of those to whom such an invitation should be sent.
- (iii) A draft agenda which is subject to alteration, has been prepared and a copy is enclosed for your information. The Working Committee is hoping that you will again be able to assist in the conduct of particular sessions, viz. the Opening Worship Session (Guest Speaker who would deliver the opening address on the theme, "Able for All Things"), Bible Study Leader, and also the conduct of a 'special interest' evening session (topic being at the discretion of the A.C.C.). The Bible Study sessions presented by Mrs. Barbara Thiering at the 1972 N.C.W. were greatly appreciated, and we are sure that members of the National Committee would be very happy if she were available to contribute to our meeting in some way in 1973.

Your assistance and further advice in these matters in due course, will be appreciated.

With every good wish -

Yours sincerely,


(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Brisbane, Q. 4069.

27th November, 1972.

The General Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Engel,

Re requests - National Committee Meeting, Deaconsess House,
8th - 9th February, 1973

In our letter of the 25th September, request was made for your kindly assistance with the conduct of the National Committee Meeting of A.C.N. in the following matters -

1. GUEST SPEAKER to deliver the ADDRESS at the OPENING WORSHIP Session on TUESDAY, 8th February at 2 p.m. (Copy of Order of Service attached.)
2. BIBLE STUDY LEADER for the Morning Sessions on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday commencing at 9.00 a.m. (approx. 50 minutes duration).
3. CONDUCT of an EVENING SESSION - 7.30 p.m. THURSDAY, 8th February, content being at the discretion of the A.C.C.

For our '72 National Committee Meeting, the A.C.C. kindly supplied the names of those who had been approached to assist by a particular contribution, so that we could make direct contact with them supplying any further information which might be helpful. If a similar arrangement could be made for the '73 meeting, we would be very grateful and I shall be glad to receive your advice concerning those whom the Working Committee should now contact.

We take this opportunity to extend to you our best wishes for a joyous and hallowed Christmas Season and blessings on your every undertaking in 1973.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

P.S. The attention of Working Committee members has been drawn to an article appearing in "Australian Presbyterian Life" under the title "Forces Threaten Family Life, says Doctor". The article was written by Dr. Clair Isbister OBE, MB FS, FRAC, D.Ch Lond., who is a children's specialist and has addressed women's gatherings during the year in Sydney. Perhaps she would be a possible contributor to A.C.N. N.C.B.???? We will be glad of your advice.

THE NATIONAL COUNCIL of CHURCHES in NEW ZEALAND

WOMEN'S COMMITTEE

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51 Puriri Street,
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Mrs G.F.McKenzie,
18 Stenness Avenue,
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Treasurer:

Mrs Lt.Col.T.McKenzie
156 St.Albans Street,
CHRISTCHURCH 1.

12th.December, 1972.

Dear Mrs Connell,

Mrs Laws handed your letter of the 27th.November over to me as she has ended her period as Chairman of the Women's Committee. I was very pleased to hear that we have this link with the Australian Church Women, and would like to thank you for your letter and the greeting from your committee.

Mrs Eileen Sheard, Convenor of the World Day of Prayer in New Zealand, and a member of our committee, is meeting Deaconess Mary Andrews in January in Christchurch, and will extend to her our good wishes for the Regional Ecumenical Consultation on Service, and also keep us informed of the progress of that gathering. There are other members of our committee attending also, I believe, but I myself will be on holiday during that period, so will miss this opportunity.

We have had our last meeting for 1972, and do not meet again till February 9th., but I am quite sure I can speak for all our members when I send you greetings for Christmas, and a very special greeting for your National Committee meeting in February. It is the wish of all the member churches of the National Council of Churches in New Zealand that the strong family ties between Australia and New Zealand should be drawn ever closer, and that we might continue to have links through correspondence and through, we hope, personal visits of members of our two committees. Now that trans-Tasman flights are so frequent we do hope that visits can be made from both countries, and we would like to assure you that a very warm welcome awaits any member of Australian Church Women who visits Christchurch.

I do hope that your thoughts will be with us on March 2nd, 1973, when you will all be using the service that our committee has prepared for the World Day of Prayer. Our prayers that day will be for church women throughout the world, but those of our nearest neighbour, Australia, will be uppermost in our minds and hearts.

Yours in love and fellowship,

Barbara Stringleman

Chairman

COPY OF AEROGARME TO - The General Secretary, WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES, 150, route de Ferney,
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12th December, 1972.

The General Secretary,
WORLD COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
GENEVA, SWITZERLAND.

Dear Sir,

Re APPEAL MADE BY MISS BRIGALIA BAN (Education & Communication Unit - Renewal
Movements) ON BEHALF OF THE WOMEN OF BANGLADESH -

Arrangement has been made with the Commonwealth Bank of Australia to transfer the
sum of A\$474 to your Bank in Geneva. This sum of money has been donated by Australian Church Women
in response to the appeal for the Women of Bangladesh, which Miss Ban made earlier this year.
This donation is given specifically for the work among the women of Bangladesh, and it is understood that
the Director of the Relief Committee, Mr. Amit, will be directing the application of this money to
the relief of women in the Bangladesh situation.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)

15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Que. 4069.

15th December, 1972.

The General Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Engel,

The Working Documents for the National Committee Meeting of A.C.W. to be held 6th - 9th February, 1973, are currently being prepared. The Working Committee is most desirous of acknowledging by name, in these documents, those who will be contributing to various sessions by kindly arrangement of the Australian Council of Churches, as follows:

Opening Session (Tuesday, 2 p.m.) - GUEST SPEAKER
Bible Studies (Tuesday - Friday,
9 a.m.) - STUDY LEADER
Thursday Evening - 7.30 p.m. - CONDUCT OF SESSION

It would be very much appreciated if you could advise me at your earliest convenience so that I can complete the typing of the documents.

Yours sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary)



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19th December, 1972

Mrs. C. Connell, Secretary
Australian Church Women
15 Burns Parade
CHAPEL HILL
Brisbane, Qld. 4069

Dear Mrs. Connell,

I am sorry for the delay in replying to your letter of 27th November, but I have experienced some difficulty in arranging part of the programme, owing to the fact that I have had to wait for replies from people approached for the Thursday night - and they could not reply until certain other things were clear. A couple of days ago it turned out that they cannot do it. However now I have a speaker fixed up. The details are as follows:-

1. Opening Session, Tuesday, February 6th, 2 p.m. - Mrs. Dorothy McMahon of 296 Rowe Street, Eastwood, N.S.W. She is a Methodist who is a member of the NSW State Council of the ACC. Earlier this year she attended a World Council of Churches Conference for women, in Cyprus. She is a good, effective speaker.

2. Bible Studies. Deaconess Margaret Rogers has agreed to do these. She is an Anglican and is Vice-Principal and Tutor of Deaconess House where you will be meeting.

3. Thursday Evening Session. Mr. Bruce Best will speak on Contemporary Asia and Salvation Today. He is the Public Relations Secretary of the A.C.C. He will have returned from attending the World Conference on "Salvation Today" which is being held at Bangkok from December 28th to January 12th. He will also have visited Bangladesh, Burma and Indo-China. The World Conference has been arranged by the World Council of Churches' Commission on World Mission and Evangelism and is expected to be of major importance. He should be able to give you a lively idea of what is going on in Asia and other parts of the world today. He will arrive in Australia on January 31. *He is a Presbyterian.*

I hope these arrangements are acceptable to you.

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Thank you for your Christmas greetings. With all good wishes to you and your committee for Christmas, the New Year and your final planning.

Yours sincerely,

Frank G. Engel (Rev.)
General Secretary



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COMMISSION ON INTER-CHURCH AID, REFUGEE & WORLD SERVICE

21 December 1972

Mrs. C. Connell
Secretary
Australian Church Women
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Chapel Hill
Brisbane, Queensland
Australia 4069

Dear Mrs. Connell,

**APPEAL MADE BY MISS BRIGALIA BAM ON BEHALF OF THE
WOMEN OF BANGLADESH**

Thank you for your letter of 12 December addressed to our General Secretary, and for the gift of A\$474 raised by Australian Church Women and given specifically for work among the women of Bangladesh.

I am writing separately to inform Mr. Amit about this gift, and will ask him to let you know to which of the programmes designed to help the women of Bangladesh this money has been applied.

Yours sincerely,

Graeme C. Jackson
Deputy Director

Msgr. G. Connell
Secretary
Australian Church Women
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15 Burns Parade,
CHAPEL HILL, Q. 4069.

23rd December, 1972.

The General Secretary,
AUSTRALIAN COUNCIL OF CHURCHES,
SYDNEY, N.S.W.

Dear Mr. Engel,

Many thanks for your letter of the 19th, and especially for the arrangements made for sessions of A.C.W.'s National Committee Meeting. We are most appreciative of your kindly assistance and feel sure that committee members will derive much benefit and blessing from the contribution of the speaker and the study leader to the National meeting.

We shall be in touch with Deaconess Rogers and Mrs. McMahon to acknowledge with gratitude their willingness to assist and to supply further detail.

Opportunity is taken here to express appreciation on behalf of A.C.W. and especially on behalf of the Working Committee for advice and assistance so readily given by the A.C.C. during the term in office of the Working Committee in Queensland. As from February, 1973, the Working Committee will be located in South Australia.

Sincerely,

(Mrs. C. Connell, Sec.)

A U S T R A L I A N C H U R C H W O M E N

26th June, 1972.

CIRCULAR MEMO.

TO STATE UNITS, MEMBER GROUPS and NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEMBERS -

1. RE SPECIAL DAYS, 1972 - FELLOWSHIP DAY & WORLD COMMUNITY DAY. Reports on the celebration of these days would be of great interest and help in future programming. Comments on attendances, participation, comments and criticisms, financial support of offering, etc. should be included in the end-of-the-year report for inclusion in the Working Documents prepared for the National Committee Meeting, 1973.
2. NOTICES OF MOTION RELATIVE TO A.C.W. CONSTITUTION must be submitted within not less than three months of the National Committee Meeting.
3. RE LETTER FROM BRIGALIA BAM, W.C.C. (Renewal & Renewal Movements) - As directed by the Working Committee, duplicated copies of the letter and statement on the WOMEN OF BANGLADESH have been included with June Minutes, so that you may make this specially desperate need as possible and encourage an immediate spontaneous response where possible in financial support.
4. RE VENUE NATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, 1973 - Following careful consideration of all factors which have bearing on the decision of the venue for the 1973 meeting, the following points were made:
 - i. As the next A.C.C. General Meeting will be held in August '73 in Melbourne, it will not have direct bearing on the time or venue of the A.C.W. National Committee Meeting.
 - ii. Costs of available accommodation in both Canberra and Melbourne are considerably in excess of those paid at Deaconess House, Sydney, in addition to which, A.C.W. was generously given use of facilities. (Remaining time does not permit further enquiry re available accommodation.)
 - iii. A.C.W.'s previously accepted responsibility for fares and part-fares plus some accommodation costs would be much increased if the venue were either Canberra or Melbourne.
 - iv. Personal accommodation costs to those committee members not assisted financially would be greater than for the '72 meeting, if the '73 meeting were held in Canberra or Melbourne.

In view of these facts, the secretary was requested to enquire from Deaconess House, Sydney, and to make a firm booking, if accommodation from February 6th to 9th, 1973, was still available. Subsequently, the Committee of Co-operation was to be advised of the decision reached as a result of these enquiries.
5. RE VISIT OF MRS. SHANTI SOLOMON - Although the Working Committee still awaits advice from Mrs. Solomon concerning final booking arrangements for her planned visit to Australia, September-October, as prepared by QANTAS, it was felt that notification of the dates (yet to be confirmed) should be given to State Units. This will enable some tentative arrangements to be made pending further word from Mrs. Solomon. Notification of any subsequent alteration of dates will be sent immediately to those affected by it.

ITINERARY SHEET as prepared for MRS. SHANTI SOLOMON by QANTAS, and forwarded to her on 27th March (Air letter). -

FLIGHT	DAY & DATE	C I T Y	LOCAL TIME	FLIGHT	DAY & DATE	C I T Y	LOCAL TIME
BA714	Wed. 6th Sept.	NEW DELHI	lv. 9.15 a.m.	N.G.			
	" "	SINGAPORE	ar. 5.40 p.m.				
BA720	Sat. 9th Sept.	SINGAPORE	lv. 5.45 p.m.	1310	Mon. 2nd Oct.	TOWNSVILLE	lv. 11.50 a.m.
	" "	PERTH	ar. 11.05 p.m.		" "	PT. MORESBY	ar. 2.10 p.m.
TN507	Tue. 12th Sep.	PERTH	lv. 12.50 p.m.	1380	Mon. 2nd Oct.	PT. MORESBY	lv. 4.30 p.m.
	" "	ADELAIDE	ar. 5.50 p.m.		" "	LAE	ar. 5.30 p.m.
TN509	Fri. 15th Sept.	ADELAIDE	lv. 11.00 a.m.	1361	Wed. 4th Oct.	LAE	lv. 10.40 a.m.
	" "	MELBOURNE	ar. 12.30 p.m.		" "	PT. MORESBY	ar. 11.40 a.m.
TN445	Tue. 19th Sep.	MELBOURNE	lv. 9.25 a.m.	1305	Thu. 5th Oct.	PT. MORESBY	lv. 12.40 p.m.
	" "	HOBART	ar. 10.30 a.m.		" "	BRISBANE	ar. 3.15 p.m.
TN444	Thu. 21st Sep.	HOBART	lv. 3.50 p.m.	TE818	Fri. 6th Oct.	BRISBANE	lv. 6.50 p.m.
588	" "	SYDNEY	ar. 6.30 p.m.		" "	AUCKLAND	ar. 11.45 p.m.
TN475	Sun. 24th Sep.	SYDNEY	lv. 9.50 a.m.	NZ	Several daily	AUCKLAND	
	" "	CANBERRA	ar. 10.45 a.m.			CHRISTCHURCH	
TN426	Tue. 26th Sep.	CANBERRA	lv. 5.35 p.m.	QF337	Mon. 16th Oct.	CHRISTCHURCH	lv. 6.45 p.m.
	" "	SYDNEY	ar. 6.10 p.m.		" "	SYDNEY	ar. 7.50 p.m.
TN408	Wed. 27th Sep.	SYDNEY	lv. 8.50 p.m.	PA811	Tue. 17th Oct.	SYDNEY	lv. 11.00 a.m.
	" "	BRISBANE	ar. 10.05 p.m.		" "	DJAKARTA	ar. 3.15 p.m.
538	Fri. 29th Sep.	BRISBANE	lv. 6.15 p.m.	ML203	Fri. 20th Oct.	DJAKARTA	lv. 9.55 a.m.
	" "	ROCKHAMPTON	ar. 7.50 p.m.		" "	SINGAPORE	ar. 11.50 a.m.
532	Sat. 30th Sep.	ROCKHAMPTON	lv. 1.20 p.m.	BA713	Mon. 23rd Oct.	SINGAPORE	lv. 9.00 p.m.
	" "	MACKAY	ar. 2.20 p.m.		Tue. 24th Oct.	NEW DELHI	ar. 1.35 a.m.
456	Mon. 2nd Oct.	MACKAY	lv. 10.05 a.m.				
	" "	TOWNSVILLE	ar. 11.10 a.m.				

CONSTITUTION

1. NAME: AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN.

2. The AIM of Australian Church Women is
 To unite Australian Church women in their allegiance to their Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ;
 To promote co-operation of men and women in the Church, family and society;
 To help Christian women to take a more effective place in the total life and mission of the Church;
 To provide opportunities for Christian women of different churches to worship, study and serve together, and
 To encourage fellowship and service across national boundaries.

3. RELATIONSHIPS:

- (a) Through the Australian Council of Churches, Australian Church Women shall be linked with the World Council of Churches and the regional conferences of churches in Asia, Africa and the Pacific.
- (b) Australian Church Women shall function in relationship with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men and Women in Church, Family and Society, within the Division of Church and Community of the Australian Council of Churches.

4. NATIONAL COMMITTEE:

The National Committee shall consist of

(a) Representatives who shall be appointed annually:

- (i) one representative of the Federal women's organization of each church, appointed by whatever means is appropriate to the particular church.
- (ii) two representatives of each and every State Women's Inter-church organization recognized by Australian Church Women as its State Unit.
- (iii) one representative of the Federal organization of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee.
- (iv) two representatives appointed by the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family and Society.
- (v) four representatives appointed by the Executive Committee of the Australian Council of Churches.

(b) the Office Bearers and five other committee members who together shall comprise the Working Committee.

The National Committee shall meet at least annually at a time and place to be determined in consultation with the Australian Council of Churches' Committee on Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family and Society. Fifty per cent. of representatives under 4. (i) and (ii) shall constitute a quorum. Alternatives may be appointed for all representatives to the National Committee.

5. OFFICE BEARERS:

The office bearers shall be

- 1. a President
- 2. two Vice-Presidents
- 3. a Secretary
- 4. a Treasurer.

They shall be elected annually by the National Committee provided always that the President shall not hold the office for more than two consecutive years.

6. WORKING COMMITTEE:

The Working Committee shall consist of ten members -

- (a) the office bearers of the National Committee,
- (b) five committee members, one of whom shall be elected annually as the convener of the Winifred Kiek Scholarship Committee by the National Committee.

The ten members of the Working Committee shall be

- (i) resident in one State
- (ii) elected annually by the National Committee.

The location of the Working Committee shall be determined by the National Committee. The Office Bearers shall act on behalf of the Working Committee between its meetings. In the event of a vacancy on the Working Committee occurring between National Meetings, the Working Committee shall appoint a replacement to fill such vacancy and shall duly notify members of the National Committee of such appointment.

7. OBSERVERS and CONSULTANTS:

Non-voting observers with privilege to speak on any matter raised in conference shall be invited to attend the annual meetings of the National Committee:

- (i) one observer from the Federal women's organization of each church, appointed by whatever means is appropriate to the particular church.
- (ii) two observers from each and every State Women's Inter-church organization recognized by Australian Church Women as its State Unit.
- (iii) one observer from the Federal organization of any special interest group which is granted representation by the National Committee.
- (iv) up to eight observers from the new State location, at that National Meeting which will elect a Working Committee from a new State.

Consultants who shall have the same privileges as observers, shall be invited to attend the National Meeting:

- (i) the Federal Liaison Officer, Women's World Day of Prayer.
- (ii) Australian members of the Planning Committee of Asian Church Women's Conference.

8. STATE AND LOCAL ORGANIZATION:

- (a) Each State Unit shall co-operate with the Council of Churches associated with the Australian Council of Churches in the State.
- (b) Committees in local areas which carry out the purpose of Australian Church Women shall be affiliated with the State Unit.

9. PROGRAMME OF AUSTRALIAN CHURCH WOMEN:

The National Committee of Australian Church Women shall prepare a statement of its programme each year.

10. FINANCE:

- (a) Collections taken at special days and services included in the Australian Church Women's programme (after local expenses have been met) shall be divided as determined each year by the National Committee in consultation with its State Units, between
 - (i) the administration of the affiliated State Women's Inter-church Council organisation;
 - (ii) administration of the National Committee of Australian Church Women and
 - (iii) national projects sponsored by the National Committee in co-operation with State Units.
- (b) The funds of the Fellowship of the Least Coin shall be paid annually by the State Units to the National Committee for remittance to the Department of Co-operation of Men & Women in Church, Family & Society in the World Council of Churches.
- (c)
 - (i) Accounts shall be kept as determined by the National Committee in consultation with the Honorary Treasurer of the Australian Council of Churches.
 - (ii) Bank accounts shall be operated by the President, Secretary and Treasurer and such others as may be appointed, the signature of any two of whom shall be sufficient discharge.
 - (iii) Statements of accounts shall be presented to the meetings of the Working Committee and audited annual statements to the National Committee and to the Australian Council of Churches.
 - (iv) The financial year shall end on December 31.

11. AMENDMENT TO CONSTITUTION:

The Constitution shall be amended by a vote of a two-thirds majority of the National Committee present. Notice of motion to amend the Constitution shall be given to the Working Committee by an organization having representation on the National Committee. All constituent bodies shall be notified in writing not less than three months before the meeting of the National Committee. Amendments shall be operative upon ratification by the Annual Meeting of the Australian Council of Churches.

12. DISSOLUTION:

In the event of the dissolution of the National Committee, its project and trust funds shall be paid to the purposes designated and its administrative funds to the Australian Council of Churches.